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Random dilemma

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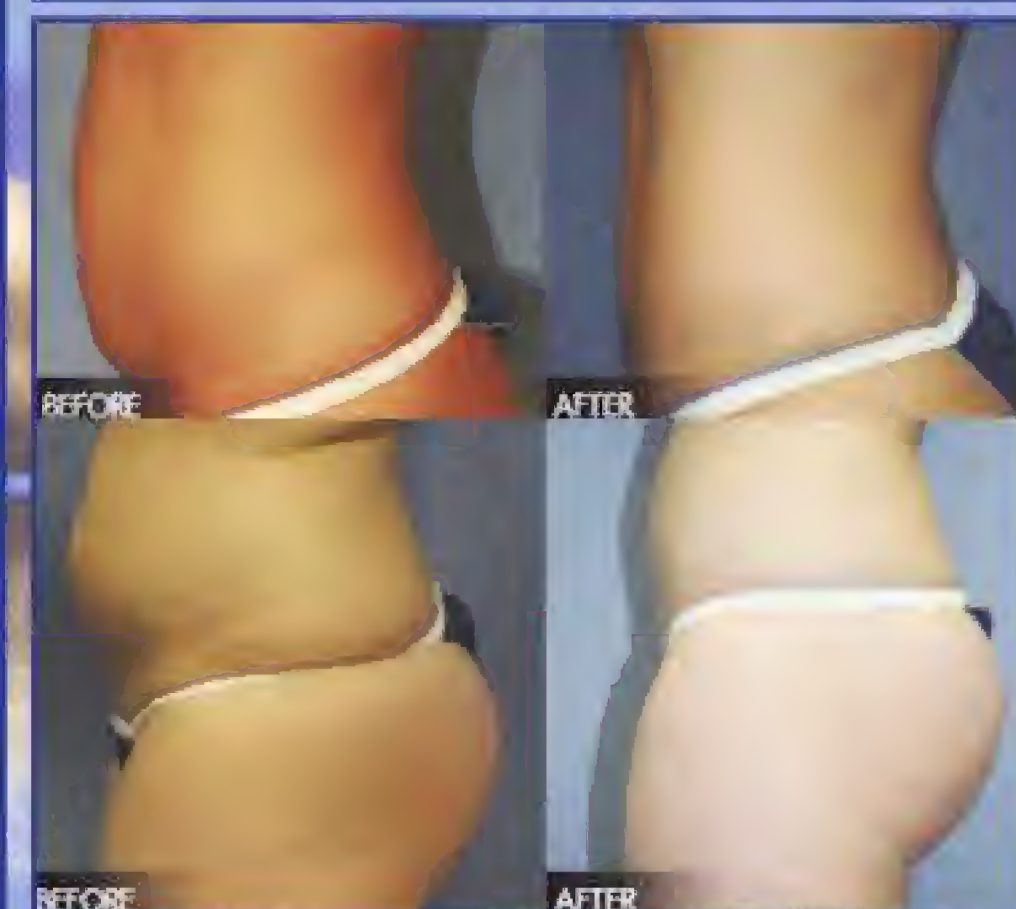
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MONEY BEHIND THE MESSAGE

Trailing Obama in funds and polls, McCain goes on attack in ads

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Barack Obama spent \$3.3 million in TV advertising on Monday. At that rate, the Democrat will spend more than \$90 million on ads through Election Day—more than all the money Republican rival John McCain has to spend on his entire fall campaign.

McCain's ad spending Monday totaled about \$900,000, and the Republican National Committee weighed in with about \$700,000 worth.

The disparity between Obama and the Republicans is so wide that it has allowed Obama to spend in more states than McCain, to appear more frequently in key markets and to diversify his message by both attacking McCain and promoting his own personal story.

With national and state polls showing him building a broader lead over McCain, Obama has switched to a more positive pitch.

Last week, only 34 percent of his ads attacked McCain directly while virtually all of McCain's ads attacked Obama, according to a study by the Wisconsin Advertising Project at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

One of Obama's most recent ads came as Sarah Palin made an issue of Obama's connections to 1960s radical Bill Ayers and argued that Obama "is not a man who sees America like you and I see America."

The ad bespeaks Americana. In it, Obama recalls being a child, sitting on his grandfather's shoulders and waving

OBAMA SPENDING MORE

Obama is outspending McCain in practically every one of the 14 states the two camps are contesting. One exception is Iowa, where McCain spent more than Obama even though Obama has been sitting on a comfortable lead in the polls.

The biggest discrepancy exists in North Carolina, where Obama spent eight times more than McCain on ads, according to the Wisconsin Advertising Project and TNS Media Intelligence/CMAG, which tracks political ads. AP



an American flag as they watched astronauts return from a splashdown. "And my grandfather would say, 'Boy, Americans, we can do anything when we put our minds to it.'"

The ad offers a direct response to Palin. But it also illustrates Obama's continuing need as an African-American to reassure voters about his candidacy.

On Thursday, Obama launched an ad criticizing McCain's new mortgage-buy-back plan, saying it would place too big a burden on taxpayers. The ad showcased another ad strategy employed by both campaigns—it was running only on national cable, a relatively inexpensive way of drawing media attention to an issue.

Boosted by an economy in crisis and a saturation of advertising, Obama has

built up his margins over McCain in Democratic-leaning battlegrounds such as Pennsylvania and Michigan. He has tilted Republican-leaning states such as Colorado and New Mexico toward his side. And he has created contests in such reliably Republican states as Indiana, Virginia and North Carolina.

By now, McCain's allies had hoped the Arizona senator would have established his dominance in states won by President Bush in 2000 and 2004 and would have focused on winning two of the three key Rust Belt states of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan.

But McCain stopped advertising in Michigan, Obama leads in Pennsylvania and he has the edge in Ohio.

Government pushes to unclog the skies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Federal officials are pushing ahead with an experiment to reduce rampant flight delays around the nation by auctioning off takeoff and landing times at New York City-area airports, where most delays begin.

Meanwhile, airlines and airports are sprinting to court to stop them.

Transportation Secretary Mary Peters announced final rules Thursday to begin auctioning takeoff and landing "slots" at the three major New York-area airports: John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark. Auction winners would be announced Jan. 12.

Federal transportation officials say much of the reason for nationwide flight delays is that airlines have crammed too many planes—and small planes—onto New York runways. To fix that, they have capped the number of flights coming into or out of those airports, and now intend to auction off a fraction of those coveted slots. An auction, they say, will use market forces of supply and demand to make airports more efficient.

"Without slot auctions, a small number of airlines will profit while travelers bear the brunt of higher fares, fewer choices and deteriorating service," Peters said in a statement.

The government will gradually auction up to 10 percent of the landing and takeoff slots the airlines currently operate at the airports. The Air Transport Association said they will ask a judge to stop the government. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the city's airports, has already joined a lawsuit over the issue and vowed to block any planes using auction slots from arriving at their terminals.

THE BILL?

Since auctions have never been tried before, no one is certain what the takeoff and landing slots will cost, but government officials expect them to go for hundreds of thousands of dollars each. Transportation officials said the auctions could raise as much as \$150 million over five years. AP

Teen vaccine

About one in four teen girls last year got the groundbreaking vaccine that prevents cervical cancer, federal health officials reported Thursday. The figures represent the government's first full year of vaccination rate data for the Gardasil vaccine, which went on the market in mid-2006. AP

25%

Proportion of girls aged 13 to 17 who got the Gardasil vaccine last year, less than some vaccine proponents had hoped

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'SNL' the ultimate politician's test

Will Palin gain from going on show?

If you have yet to see Tina Fey's impression of Sarah Palin on "Saturday Night Live," I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to planet Earth.

Now that you're here, the impression is going to be hard to miss, not that you'd want to. Everybody is talking about it, they're TiVoing "SNL" once again, e-mailing video clips around and—get ready for a self-referential end to this sentence—writing about it.

You know why? Because it's very funny, completely relevant and Tina Fey is the hippest thing to come along since Sarah Silverman, who was the hippest thing to come along since Chris Rock, who was the hippest thing to come along since ... well, you get the idea.

Sarah Palin has said she would be happy to make an appearance on "SNL," and "SNL's" Lorne Michaels seemed happy to oblige, telling The Associated Press "all in good time."

John McCain, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton all made appearances during the primary campaign, and each of their appearances was well-received, so it appears to be the sensible thing to do.

Even Mike Huckabee lampooned his decision to remain in the primary after it was all but over, by not leaving the Weekend Update desk after his interview was over.

I don't suspect politicians do it because it's been a lifelong dream of theirs to stand on stage next to folks whose goal in life is to ridicule them. No, they do it for the same reason any politician seems to do anything, which is to make themselves more attractive to voters.

Which begs the question: Will Palin benefit from going on "SNL?"

My answer: Doubtful.

The reason the other politicians did well was because when they went on the show to face their satirists, the resulting sketch was based on the most obvious aspects of the impersonation.

When Clinton was on, she made fun of her laugh. When McCain was on, he made fun of his age.

But if Palin goes on, she can't just make fun of her accent or her propensity for winking. They aren't the heart of Fey's impression. Palin would have to suck it up and make fun of her inability to speak in coherent sentences.

As much as I'd love to see it, I can't believe she'd really do something so potentially damaging. The impression of her, right or wrong, as somebody who can't think on her feet and doesn't know much about the world outside of Alaska is solidifying with the public. She has to halt that unless she wants to be known as the female Dan Quayle. I just hope "SNL" doesn't take it easy on her if she does go on the show. I get that they have to pull some punches when they're hosting a prominent politician, but if they pull too far back it'll be glaring.

Ultimately it will be up to Palin to decide what she'll agree to say and do if she goes on "SNL," though I don't think it matters much.

It's hard to tell a joke when you are the joke.



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Daley: Loafers will be punished

Chicago Tribune

City trash haulers who were caught loafing, drinking and lunching on the taxpayers' dime will face punishment and possibly dismissal, Mayor Daley said Thursday.

"We've taken the necessary steps to identify these individuals," Daley said. "We're going to discipline and fire them—that's what we're trying to do."

The mayor reacted a day after Inspector General David Hoffman issued a report concluding that hundreds of haulers worked an average of six hours a day, rather than the eight required to earn their \$64,000-a-year salaries.

Investigators spied on garbage workers in 10 wards. The report blamed the problem mainly on lax ward supervisors.

"These are great jobs, and no one should be sleeping, loafing, drinking, quitting early or anything else," Daley said.

He added that Hoffman had yet to provide the names of workers seen shirking duties or suggest punishments.

Despite the lousy report, Daley said Streets and Sanitation Commissioner Michael Picardi "has done a good job."

The mayor also denied union allegations that Hoffman issued the report to help Daley's case for layoffs.

Daley's comments came at a news conference in Englewood where he called on state lawmakers to increase and make permanent tax breaks designed to soften the blow of rising property taxes.

The mayor and aldermen raised city property taxes last year by a record \$86 million—an increase that will show up on next year's bills—but Daley defended the hike as "needed."

FARE WARNING

CTA PLANS HIKES FOR '09 BUDGET

Chicago Tribune

The CTA plans to boost fares to as high as \$2.25, eliminate the bonus for Chicago Card users and hike the price of a 30-day pass to \$90 on Jan. 1 under a proposed 2009 budget announced Thursday.

The biggest hit would be felt by Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus customers, who according to a CTA analysis live in more affluent ZIP codes than riders who pay cash fares or use regular transit cards.

"Our Chicago Card customers are more elastic in their ability to absorb fare increases," said CTA President Ron Huberman.

He said the transit agency had no alternative except to raise fares next year in the face of rising fuel and electricity costs, mandated free rides for senior citizens and other groups and the loss of millions of dollars in state subsidies to offset the reduced fares that students and some disabled riders pay.

Tax revenues also have come in 48 percent less than what was budgeted by the Regional Transportation Authority, he said.

None of the budget pressures were anticipated at such severe levels when the legislature approved increases in transit subsidies and sales taxes for Chicago-area transit in January, CTA Chairman Carole Brown added.

Under the CTA plan, the fare for using a regular transit card would increase 25 cents—to \$2 on buses and \$2.25 on trains.

Cash fares on buses also would rise a quarter, to \$2.25. Chicago Card customers traveling on trains would pay 50 cents more, \$2.25 up from \$1.75 currently.



Commuters ride the Blue line train Thursday at the Western Avenue stop.

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The Chicago Card increase for buses would increase 25 cents, to \$2.

Transfers would still cost 25 cents, and allow for two additional rides within two hours of the first boarding.

The 10 percent bonus offered for putting \$20 on a Chicago Card would be discontinued.

In addition, the CTA would boost the 30-day pass price by \$15, from \$75 currently to \$90. The pass allows for unlimited rides.

"We did the smallest fare increase we thought we could do," Huberman said.

He said ridership was expected to decline less than 1 percent in 2009 because of the fare hikes, but without the boost in fares ridership had been projected to continue to grow for the 11th out of the last 12 years.

If the fare hikes are approved by the CTA board, visitors would pay more for 1-day, 3-day

and 7-day passes, while 2-day and 5-day passes would be eliminated.

College students also would be hit with a 20 percent increase in the U-Pass, which is included in their tuition at participating colleges and universities.

No increases are proposed for CTA customers who pay reduced fares.

The most recent CTA fare hike was in 2006, when the cash fare increased 25 cents, to \$2.

The proposed fare increases must be approved by the CTA board to take effect.

CTA officials say they still may face a budget deficit, despite the proposed fare hikes.

Diesel fuel for CTA buses this year is costing about \$103 million, or 112 percent more than budgeted, officials said.

In addition, the free rides program will cost the agency almost \$36 million in 2009, officials said.

FARE GAMES

Chicagoans sounded off on the possibility of CTA fare hikes.



It's getting to the point where the only thing they want to do is continue to tax the public. Why do you keep taxing us? After a while, that well's gonna run dry. You

can't keep going back to the same well and say, 'Price of electricity, price of gas.' ... We're all in the same boat."

Jose Brenes, 29, Lincoln Park, restaurant server



I actually thought they would raise them sooner, with the gas prices and everything. It seems like this is a constant thing with the CTA. I feel the CTA is

necessary. I'm not angry with it, I wish there was just other things to do without having to raise prices."

Shawanda Riggs, 36, Roseland, unemployed



I might have to cut back on eating out, grabbing lunch on my way to work—things like that. I might have to bring my lunch from home every day.

Small things, but it's going to hurt."

Mariel Asencio, 19, Humboldt Park, student at Truman College

Tribune probe finds hurdles in domestic violence cases

For every man convicted in a Cook County court of beating his wife or girlfriend, five men brought in on similar charges walk away legally unscathed. And despite official promises to help women pursue abuse complaints, that conviction rate is only getting worse.

Prosecuting domestic violence has never been easy, mostly because women often choose to drop charges. But the odds of conviction rise when women get help navigating a complex court system and prosecutors provide early, intensive contact with victims.

Cook County's opening of a \$62 million courthouse in 2005 was aimed in part at making women feel more comfortable pursuing their cases.

Yet, a Tribune analysis has found, less than one-sixth of the 19,000 domestic violence cases brought each year in Cook County now result in convictions.

That dismal record feeds a vicious cycle: With so few convictions, victims lose faith in the courts, and the violence continues unabated, advocates say.

"It looks like there isn't anyone holding abusers accountable," said Dawn Dalton of the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network.

The Tribune analysis found that nearly 14 percent of defendants county-wide faced domestic violence charges multiple times over just a three-year period.



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DAWN DALTON
Chicago Metropolitan
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Shedd Aquarium animal trainer Lyssa McGurran works with Nico, an American bulldog mix, on Thursday in preparation for the new daily pet show.

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Shedd teaching dogs new tricks

Six animals featured in the Shedd Aquarium's new stage show were in far different, more desperate circumstances earlier this summer—incarcerated, unloved and perhaps facing death before year's end.

Then the Shedd's marine mammal trainers came to the rescue.

The trainers were left with no animals to supervise after the Shedd's Oceanarium pavilion closed for refurbishing this year, sending the facility's whales, dolphins, sea otters and sea lions out of town.

So the staff decided to create a show for six dogs they found in area animal rescue centers, demonstrating how marine mammal training techniques can be equally effective in training house pets.

"Pet Training the Shedd Way" opens Friday and will continue until early summer 2009, when the Oceanarium reopens.

"We wanted to do something that was fun and high energy," said Ken Ramirez, the Shedd's animal training chief. "We also want people to consider adopting their

next pet from an animal shelter. The sad truth is, 3 million shelter dogs are put to death in this country every year because nobody adopts them."

The 20-minute program is designed to show how good training techniques can transform even the sorriest of mutts into refined, polite, playful and lovable pets.

Three dogs in the show had been left at area dog pounds because owners could no longer afford to keep them. A city dog catcher found Widget, a 7-month-old West Highland white terrier mix, wandering in Chicago with no collar. Olivia, a year-old dog who is mostly German shepherd, was found beaten and fearful of humans. And a strapping 70-pound, year-old American bulldog mix named Nico was found tied to a stake in a building, emaciated and filthy.

In their new lives as performers, the dogs do tricks, play with handlers and demonstrate new talents like ferreting out contraband.

To teach them, the Shedd used training methods it helped pioneer.

Woman sexually assaulted in apartment building

Police are seeking a man who attacked a woman Wednesday night as she entered her Hyde Park apartment building, then dragged her into a nearby garbage room and sexually assaulted her.

The incident occurred just before 10 p.m. in the Madison Park Apartments, 1380 E. Hyde Park Blvd., police said.

The woman was walking in through the front door talking on her mobile phone when a man slipped in the door behind her and attacked her in the lobby, according to a detective investigating the incident. He then dragged her into a first-floor garbage room and assaulted her, he said.

The assailant told the woman he had

a knife and fled in an unknown direction after the attack, taking her phone, purse and keys, the detective said. Investigators believe they have the attacker on tape, police said. Police described him as 5-foot-10 to 6 feet tall, weighing 200 pounds and wearing a dark blue sweat shirt and blue jeans.

Woman's body found in Marquette Park

A homicide investigation was under way after a woman's body was found Thursday morning in Marquette Park on Chicago's Southwest Side.

The body was found about 8:30 a.m. near the park lagoon near West Marquette Road and South Kedzie Avenue, according to a spokesman for the Cook County medical examiner's office. The spokesman could not say how the woman was killed.

The woman is believed to have been about 30. Police had no further information.

Police say driver who set off crashes took cocaine

A driver who set off a chain of crashes on Chicago's Southwest Side had taken cocaine, police said Thursday.

Anthony Parson, 48, of the 7300 block of South Eberhart Avenue was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance and cited for driving under the influence of drugs, reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, police said. Parson was driving south on Western Avenue about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday when he slammed into a car at 83rd Street.

1 killed, 3 wounded in drive-by shooting

One man was killed and three companions wounded in a drive-by shooting Wednesday night in the 4800 block of West Polk Street, police said. Tyrice Griggs, 25, was taken to Mt. Sinai Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 3:30 a.m., the Cook County medical examiner's office said.

A 20-year-old man was struck in the foot and a 36-year-old woman was shot in the abdomen, Greer said. A 19-year-old woman suffered a graze wound to one leg and was not hospitalized.

Man injured by construction vehicle near Shedd work site

A construction worker was critically injured Thursday when a vehicle fell on him at a work site near the Shedd Aquarium, Chicago police said. The accident happened about 9:20 a.m. just east of the aquarium, where an underpass is being built.

The worker was standing outside a trench when a Bobcat construction vehicle on the other side of it toppled onto him and crushed his legs, police said.

Teen sues Park District in sex assault case

A teenage girl who was sexually assaulted in July 2007 in a South Side park filed a lawsuit Thursday against the Chicago Park District.

The girl, who was 13 and working as a volunteer junior counselor at Hayes Park at the time, was assaulted by three teen district employees in a locker room. Two of them pleaded guilty to battery last year, while the third pleaded guilty to criminal sexual abuse.



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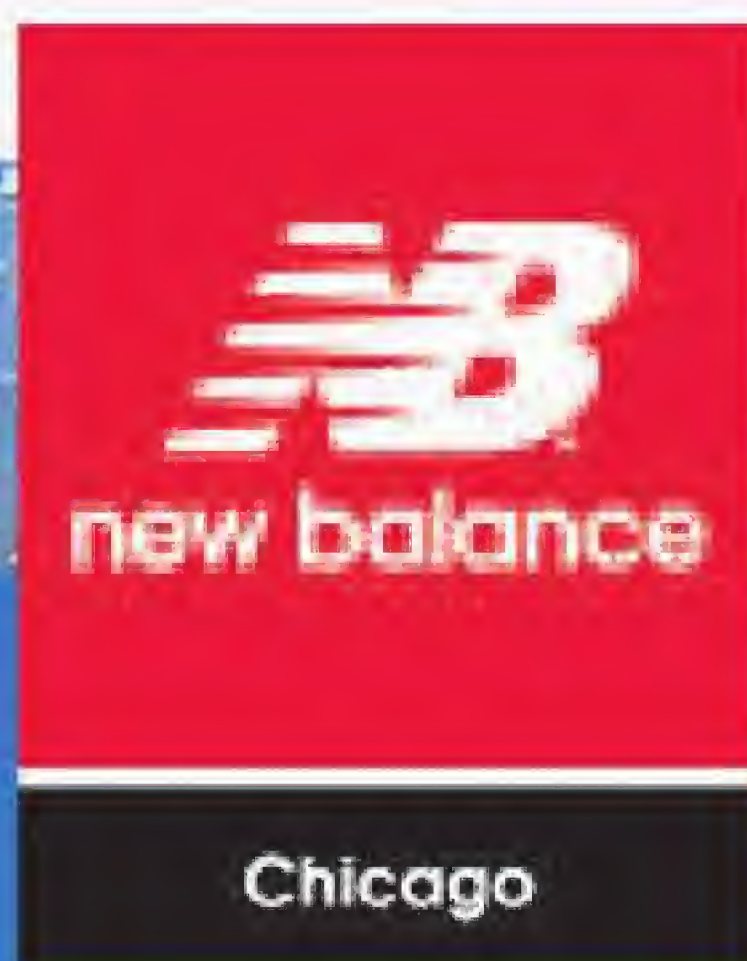
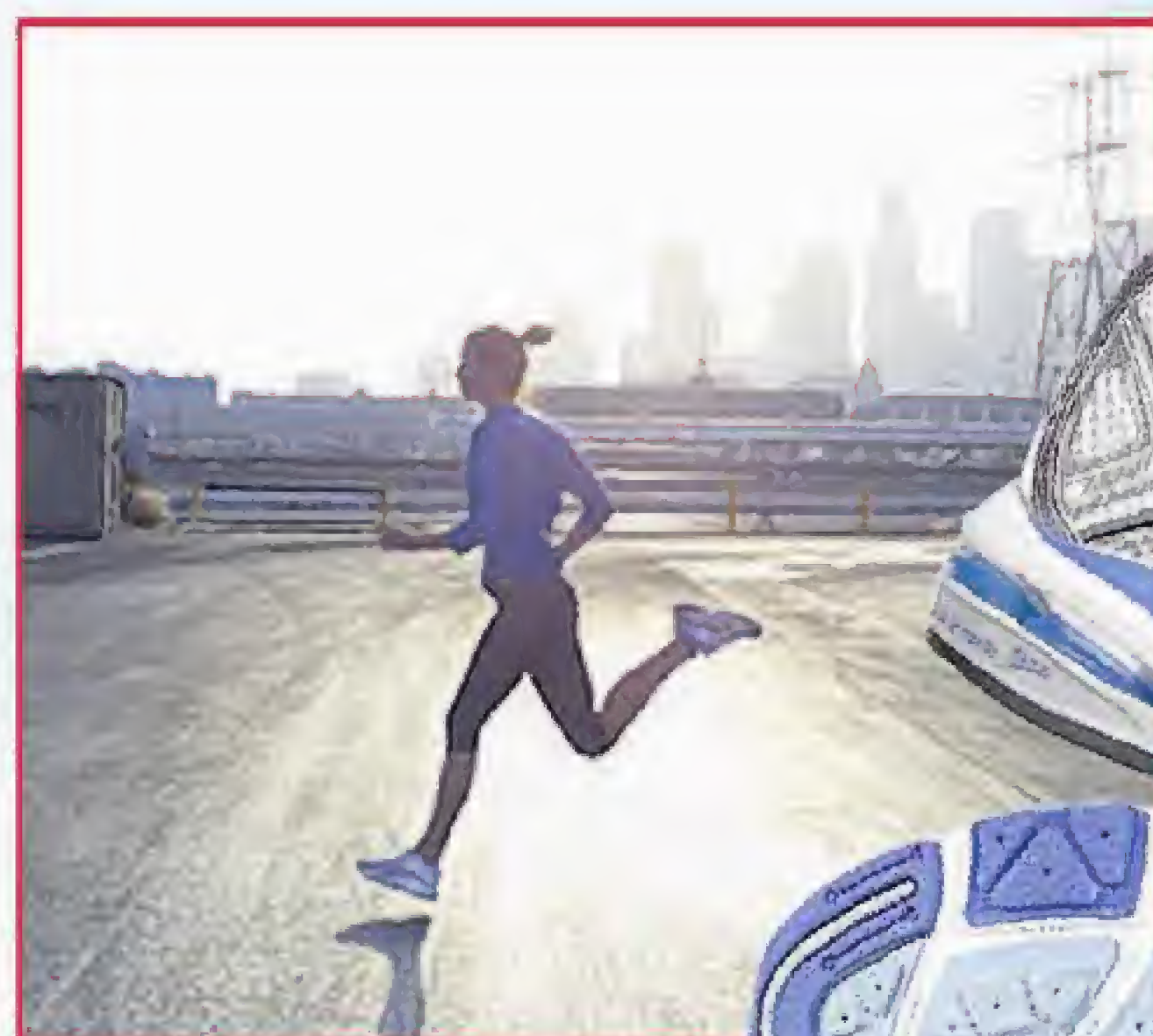
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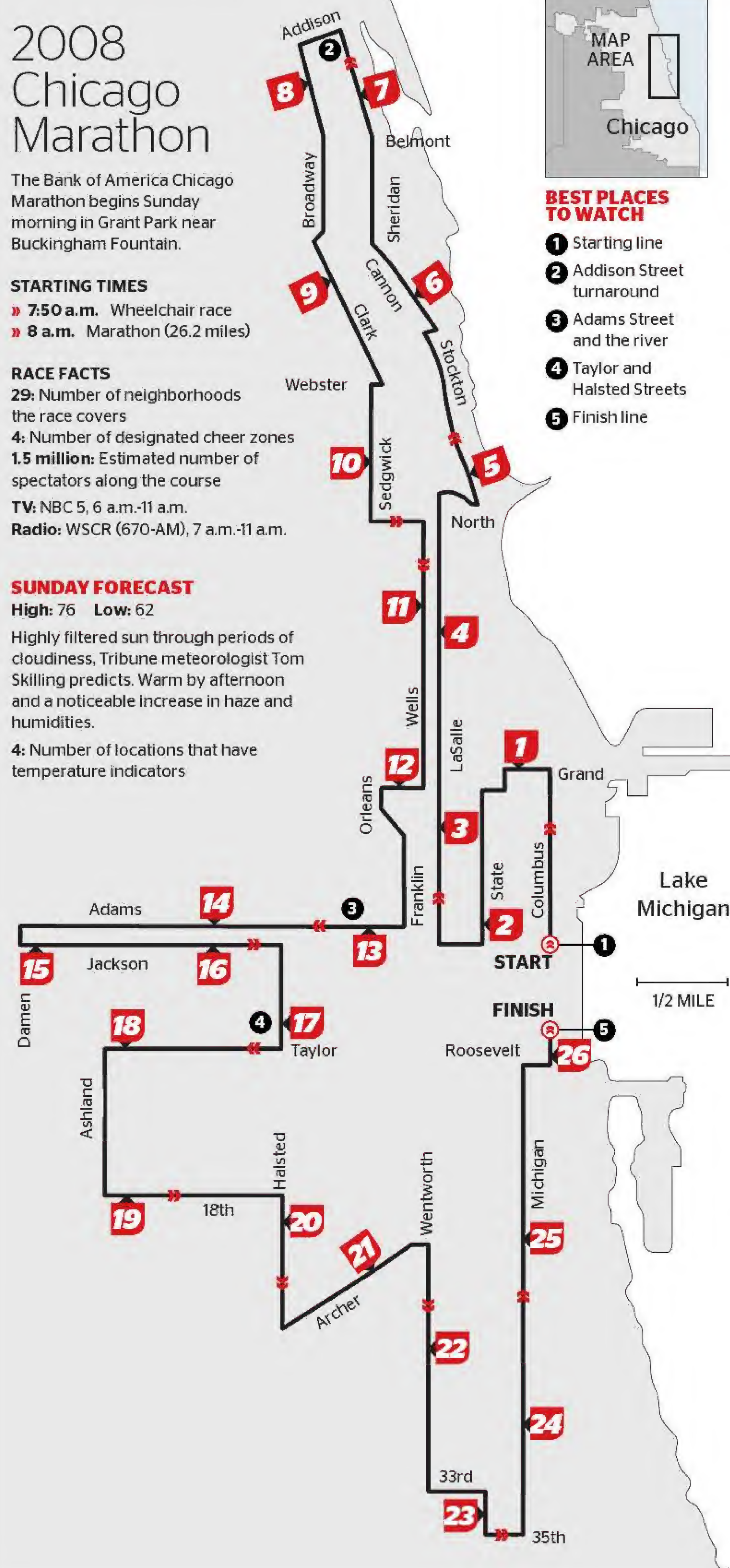
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- 1 Starting line
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- 3 Adams Street and the river
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- 5 Finish line

Running down a dream

For many, the Chicago Marathon represents a new challenge after last year's was cut short

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

Jennifer Simon of Lincoln Square has some unfinished business with the Chicago Marathon. Simon said she prepared for 18 weeks last year to run her first 26.2-mile race. She ran long distances, trained in hot weather and tested different paces.

But she wasn't prepared for marathon officials' lack of preparation for the record 88-degree temperatures that plagued race day last October. Nearly 11,000 runners stopped before finishing, about 315 runners went to medical tents or hospitals, and one runner died after collapsing on the course.

There wasn't water at water stations for nine of the first 10 miles, Simon said, so she picked up discarded bottles of water off the ground and shared Gatorade with other runners.

As the race progressed, Simon said she watched runners pushing ice bags to their heads and hobbling to cots in the medical tent. By mile 18, Simon's race also was over. The marathon had been canceled, and race workers redirected Simon and thousands of other runners to walk to the finish line in Grant Park.

"What was the final slap in the face was getting to Grant Park and having the medal put in my hand," said Simon, 33. "That's what I'm looking forward to this year—having the medal put around my neck and not in my hand."

Simon plans to be back Sunday to run the marathon, which has been revamped after last year's problematic race. Marathon officials say they have beefed up the number of water stations, medical volunteers and dropout vehicles, among other supplies. Also, an emergency alert system has been instituted to inform runners about weather conditions and developments along the course.

This year's race—sponsored by Bank of America, which acquired last year's sponsor

LaSalle Bank—has special significance as Chicago inches further along in its bid to host the Olympics. Race officials say Sunday's marathon will showcase the city's ability to bring together a large number of athletes and move them through the streets of Chicago.

"Bank of America has basically analyzed not only last year's race but others around the world ... in terms of aid stations and fluid and in terms of communication and safety," said David Rudis, Illinois president of Bank of America. "We're doing every thing we can to have absolutely the best marathon in the world."

Rudis said some of the improvements to this year's race include temperature indicators stationed at the start line and three other locations along the course. Race officials say they are monitoring weather forecasts this week to take proper precautions for Sunday's run.

Last year, temperatures hovered around 74 degrees for the start of the race and later hit 88 degrees. As a result, runners increasingly hit up water stations, which struggled to keep with the demand. The lack of supplies forced race officials to cancel the marathon about 3½ hours into the race.

Runner Chad Schieber, 35, of Michigan collapsed near mile marker 19. An ambulance on hand from the suburbs picked him up, but apparently got lost on the way to the UIC Medical Center, according to news reports. The ambulance instead took Schieber to West Side Veterans Administration Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

An autopsy later indicated that the Schieber died from a heart condition, not heat stress. Schieber's family said he encountered at least



Jennifer Simon of Lincoln Square has been training for 18 weeks for this year's marathon after her attempt to finish last year's was cut short because of the heat. **NOLAN WELLS PHOTO FOR REDEYE**

one water station that didn't have water.

Despite the way last year's race turned out, registration for the 2008 race closed in April as 45,000 runners signed up in record pace.

Longtime runner Michelle Piccolo of Oak Park wasn't one of them.

Piccolo, 30, is one of the nearly 11,000 runners who started the marathon last year but didn't finish. A police officer stopped Piccolo near mile 16, she said.

During the race, Piccolo watched runners drink out of water fountains in front of apartment buildings and saw participants run into gas stations for ice. Piccolo carried her own water and was prepared to finish the race, she said.

But like Simon, Piccolo was forced to walk to the finish line. She said she cried along the way as she realized that she watched 18 weeks of training and her dream of running a marathon for the first time melt away.

"It was pretty devastating," Piccolo said. "It was just hard to have someone tell me I

couldn't finish. It would have been different if I decided not to finish."

This year, Piccolo will be sitting out the marathon. She's taking a year off to let a stress fracture heal but also to watch what happens on Sunday.

"It's not like I'm giving up completely on the dream," Piccolo said. "I'll definitely be monitoring it, and I'm interested to see how they handle it this year."

Mike Swisher, training program manager for the Chicago Area Runners Association, said race officials have seemingly prepared for every type of scenario.

Officials had the chance to test the marathon's new emergency alert system last month at the 20-mile lakefront run hosted by the runners association, which is not officially affiliated with the marathon. The alert system worked smoothly, Swisher said.

"I can't imagine a race anywhere in the world that's going to be more prepared," Swisher said. "I think they're on top of

2007 CHICAGO MARATHON

High temperatures forced race officials to cancel the 2007 marathon about 3½ hours into the race. **JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE FILE**

everything."

Simon hopes marathon officials have worked out the logistics for this year's race. She's focusing on completing the marathon in 5 hours (a pace of about 11 ½ minutes), and doesn't want to spend her time hunting for water—again.

Said Simon: "I've got to go finish this one. I don't want to wait a year."

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Chi Marathon: '07 vs. '08

Race officials have announced several changes for this year's 31st Chicago Marathon. Here's a by-the-numbers look at how this year's race compares to last year's. *t.s.*



20 Number of water/aid stations this year

15 Number of water/aid stations last year

54,600 Gallons of water on hand this year

45,000 Number of registered participants in this year's race

45,000 Number of registered participants in last year's race

24,933: Number of runners who finished last year's race

10,934: Number of runners who started last year's race but didn't finish

9,133: Number of runners who opted out of the race before the start

10,000: Approximate number of race-day volunteers this year

200: Number of security personnel this year

46,080: Gallons of Gatorade on hand this year

\$140 million: Net benefit for the city this year

20,973: Number of participants from Illinois

105: Number of countries represented this year

5,931: Number of international runners

6,800: Number of charity runners

110: Approximate number of charities that will be represented by running teams this year

\$12 million: Approximate amount of money charities will expect to raise this year

SOURCES: BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON, TRIBUNE



23 Number of medical stations this year

17 Number of medical stations last year

800 Approximate number of medical personnel this year

650 Number of medical personnel last year

225 Number of massage therapists on hand

COOL RUNNINGS

Sorry, race fans. Marathon officials denied Internet rumors that Lance Armstrong would compete in this year's marathon. But the race will be headlined by 2008 Olympic women's marathon gold medalist Constantina Tomescu-Dita (right) of Romania. At age 38, Tomescu-Dita became the oldest Olympic marathon gold medalist and the oldest women's marathon medalist. She finished the marathon in 2:26:44. She won the 2004 Chicago Marathon and finished second in the 2005 Chicago Marathon with a personal best of 2:21:30. This year marks her fifth time competing in the Chicago Marathon.

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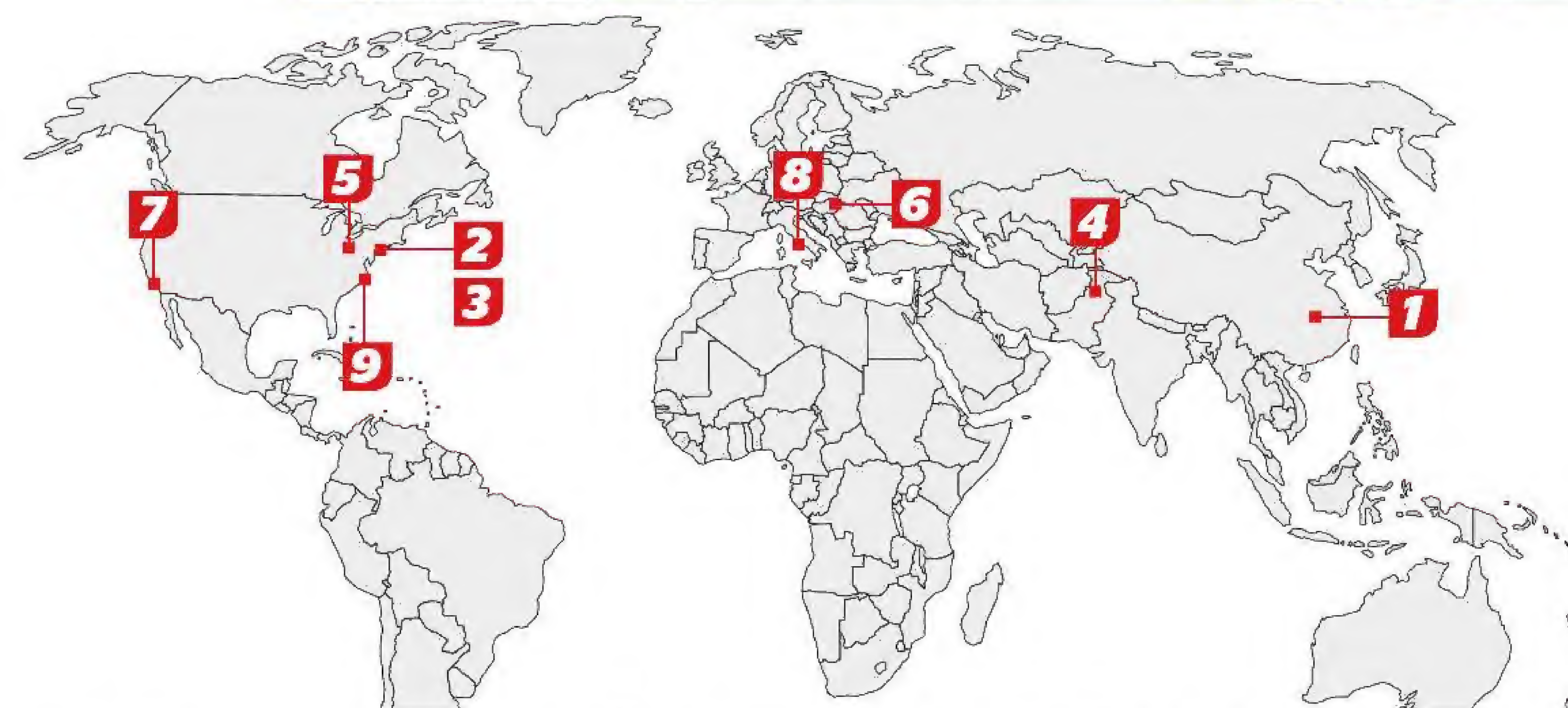
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1 WUHAN, China People check yogurt Thursday at a supermarket in China, where more than 10,000 children remain hospitalized after being sickened in China's tainted milk scandal, officials said. Dairy suppliers have been accused of adding melamine—used in products including plastics, paint and adhesives—to watered-down milk to make the product appear rich in protein and fool quality control tests. AP PHOTO



Is your sushi ocean-friendly?

2 NEW YORK Mackerel is in but octopus is out. And bluefin tuna, known as the king of sushi for its fatty belly meat, is a definite no-no.

These tips and others on ocean-friendly sushi are now available in pocket guides that are being published this month by three conservation groups. The sustainability guides are the first specifically for sushi, listing fish by their Japanese and English names.

"The sushi industry as a whole is probably pretty far behind the curve," said Trevor Corson, the author of "The Story of Sushi" and a contributor to one of the guides, produced by the Blue Ocean Institute.

SUSHI SCHOOL

Check out the best and worst sushi choices, according to the Environmental Defense Fund's "Sushi Selector."

Worst: bluefin tuna, monkfish (ankoh), red snapper (tai) and freshwater eel (unagi).

Best: U.S. farmed abalone (awabi), albacore tuna from the U.S. or Canada (shiro maguro) and farmed arctic char (iwana).

Corson said non-sushi fish restaurants are more likely to pay attention to whether their seafood is fished by sustainable methods. In one of the

guides, diners at sushi restaurants are encouraged to quiz sushi chefs on where the fish came from and whether it was caught or farmed.

"You often see the information about the fish right on the menu," Corson said about traditional seafood restaurants. "You don't get that at sushi restaurants."

The three guides, published by the Blue Ocean Institute, the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the Environmental Defense Fund, will be introduced next week at the French Culinary Institute in Manhattan and on Oct. 22 at San Francisco's Tataki, billed as the only sustainable sushi restaurant in the U.S.

Dow plummets

3 Calm gave way to fear in financial markets Thursday, and the Dow Jones industrials fell below 9,000 for the first time in five years. Shares of General Motors, one of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow, tumbled 28 percent to their lowest since 1950.

Violence in Pakistan

4 A suspected U.S. missile strike targeted two areas in a Pakistani tribal region near the Afghanistan border on Thursday, killing at least nine people, Pakistani intelligence officials said. Also Thursday, bombings targeting police killed 10 people and wounded 14 in Pakistan's volatile northwest and the capital of Islamabad.



Cooley

Cooley, 41, is scheduled to be executed Tuesday for killing two University of Akron students in 1986. Cooley weighs 267 pounds.

Execution reprieve denied

5 The Ohio Supreme Court has rejected arguments that a death row inmate is too fat to die by lethal injection. Richard

Nuclear threat

6 North Korea moved closer Thursday to relaunching its nuclear arms program, announcing that it wants to reactivate the facility that produced its atomic bomb and banning UN inspectors from the site. The plans were revealed by the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

Missing boaters found

7 The bodies of the brother of two California congresswomen and his girlfriend have been recovered from the waters off L.A., authorities said Thursday. The bodies of Henry Sanchez, 51, and Penny Avila, 48, were pulled from the wreckage of Sanchez's 26-foot motor boat. Sanchez is the brother of Democratic Reps. Loretta and Linda Sanchez.

Pope defends Pius

8 Pope Benedict XVI gave World War II pontiff Pius XII a push toward possible sainthood Thursday and defended his memory from accusations that he did little to spare Jews from the Holocaust. Benedict defended Pius as he celebrated a solemn Mass in St. Peter's Basilica to mark the anniversary of the pontiff's death in 1958.

Shark mystery

9 Scientists have confirmed the second case of a "virgin birth" in a shark. Scientists said DNA testing proved that a pup carried by a female Atlantic blacktip shark in the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center in Virginia Beach contained no genetic material from a male.

sports

Welcome back, 'Burner'

Local kid Michael Turner suddenly NFL's hot ticket

Associated Press

Although Michael Turner leads the NFL in rushing, the Bears defense sees someone else when they look at the Atlanta Falcons' No. 33 on film.

"He's the modern-day Jim Brown, you know what I mean?" said Bears linebacker Lance Briggs. "The guy's physical, he's the NFL's leading rusher, he's a guy who's not going to go down on arm tackles."

The Bears' fourth-ranked run defense hasn't yet met a running threat like the one it faces Sunday in the Georgia Dome against Turner and the Falcons.

But all-time great Brown?

"I said that, but I didn't come up with that," Briggs said Thursday at Halas Hall. "One of our coaches came up with that."

Linebackers coach Lloyd Lee started comparing Turner to Brown because of a powerful running style, but didn't want the comparison to be made public. "I want to get in these guys heads that, 'Hey, he's productive. He's good,'" Lee said.

Bears defensive end Adewale Ogunleye compared Turner to someone else.

"He kind of reminds me of when I was playing with Ricky Williams [in Miami]," Ogunleye said. "I remember when [Williams] had his two good years, he was really hard to bring down and his lower body was really strong and he'd run over the secondary a lot."

To most, he is neither Williams nor Brown, but Michael "The Burner" Turner, a 5-foot-10, 244-pound former back for the San Diego Chargers and

Northern Illinois who has 543 yards, including 100 or more in three of his first five games after signing a \$34.5 million free agent contract with Atlanta.

Turner played high school football at North Chicago High School, five miles from the Bears' practice facility.

"Guys hit him and he stays on his feet and is able to spin off and keep running," said defensive lineman Israel Idonije. Added Bears safety Mike Brown: "We'll have to bring our big-boy pads."

While the Bears' defense is allowing 74.2 rushing yards a game, no team or single back has challenged them with the running game to the extent they expect from Turner.

Carolina's Jonathan Stewart had 77 rushing yards, the most given up by the Bears.

The Bears figure their run defense can only get better this week with the expected return of defensive tackle Tommie Harris from a one-game suspension and

another missed game due to a sore knee.

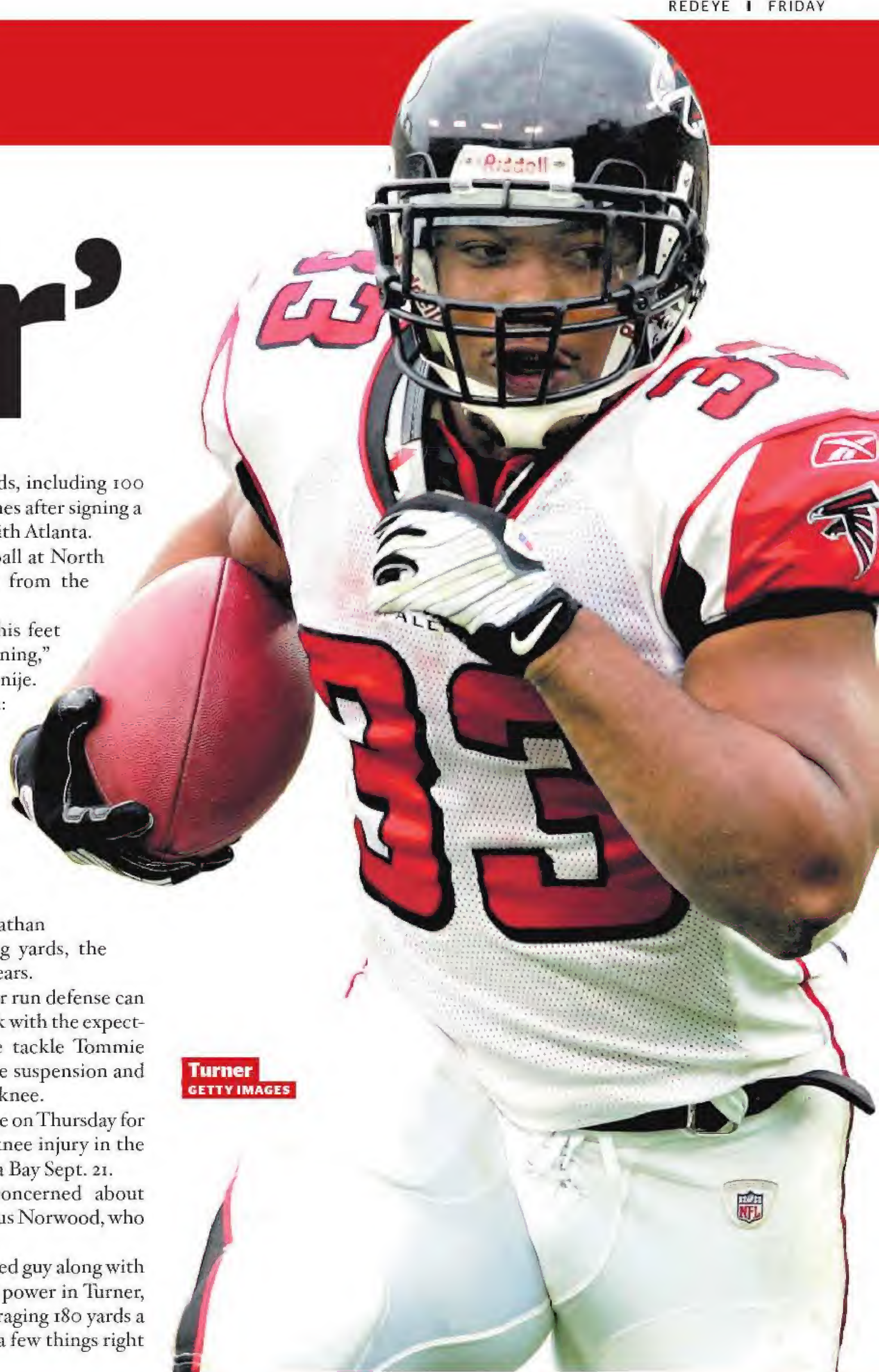
Harris went through a full practice on Thursday for the first time since aggravating a knee injury in the Bears' 27-24 overtime loss to Tampa Bay Sept. 21.

Coach Lovie Smith also is concerned about Atlanta's change-of-pace back Jerious Norwood, who averages 6.6 yards per carry.

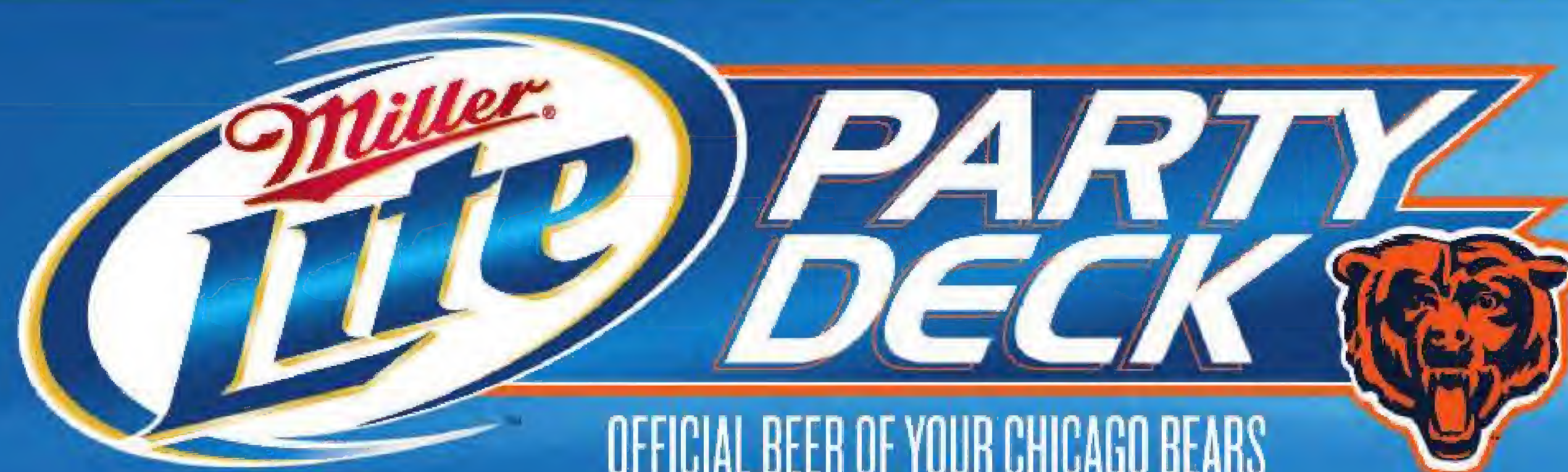
"It's a great combination of a speed guy along with a guy that can run with speed and power in Turner, and their stats show it. They're averaging 180 yards a game (180.6), you have to do quite a few things right to do that."

UP NEXT
BEARS (3-2)
AT
ATLANTA (3-2)

Sunday: noon, Fox



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QUIZ SHOW

Running starters

Test your knowledge of the Bears' Matt Forte and Waukegan native Michael Turner. **REDEYE**

1 Which of the following is true about both Bears RB Matt Forte and his Falcons countryman Michael Turner?

- A. They set school records in rushing yards.
- B. Lead their teams in receptions.
- C. They're two of only four running backs to have at least 100 carries this season.
- D. They've placed among the top five in rushing yards.

ANSWER: C. TURNER HAS A LEAGUE-LEADING 543 YARDS ON 103 RUSHES, AND FORTE IS THE TOP ROOKIE RUSHER WITH 383 YARDS ON 107 CARRIES.

2 Forte's 50-yard run for a touchdown in the season opener against the Colts is second to only which other rookie?

- A. Chris Johnson, Titans
- B. Felix Jones, Cowboys
- C. Darren McFadden, Raiders
- D. Steve Slaton, Texans

ANSWER: B. JONES HAD A 60-YARD SCORE AGAINST GREEN BAY IN WEEK 3. INCIDENTALLY, TURNER HAD THE SECOND LONGEST RUN (66-YARD TD) AMONG ALL BACKS, SECOND ONLY TO THE BUCS RB EARNEST GRAHAM'S 68-YARD TD.

3 Turner is on pace to join only two other veteran running backs who have led the league in rushing in their first season with a new team. Who are they?

- A. Priest Holmes
- B. Marcus Allen
- C. Curtis Martin
- D. Ricky Williams

ANSWER: A AND D. HOLMES (1,555, 2001) AND WILLIAMS (1,853, 2002), MARTIN, WHO JOINED THE JETS AFTER PLAYING FOR THE PATRIOTS, LED THE LEAGUE IN RUSHING IN 2004, BUT NOT IN HIS FIRST SEASON IN NEW YORK, WHICH WAS (1998). ALLEN LED THE LEAGUE IN RUSHING TDS (12) IN HIS FIRST SEASON WITH THE CHIEFS (1993).

4 Forte is on pace to become the eighth rookie since 1970, and first since 1997, to lead his team in rushing and receptions. Which back doesn't belong on that list?

- A. Marshall Faulk, Rams
- B. Roger Craig, 49ers
- C. Warrick Dunn, Bucs
- D. John Riggins, Jets

ANSWER: B. IT'S CRAIG, DWIGHT CLARK HAD MORE RECEPTIONS (70) THAN CRAIG'S 48.

HE SAID IT

NFL Network analyst and former Rams running back Marshall Faulk breaks down the backs:

ON MICHAEL TURNER

"Michael has incredible balance. He can take hits and doesn't go down on first contact."

ON MATT FORTE

"Matt understands the game. He has an incredible knack to find the soft spots in the defense. He seems to read and react and trust his vision. He's very well-suited for the Bears because he also makes himself available in the passing game—not just by catching the ball, but because he can block."

Life after baseball?

We now join our regularly scheduled programming, already in progress.

And there is progress, for those of you who have been tied up with baseball.

First, though, two quick obituaries. The Cubs are truly amazing in their ability to squash people's lives so quickly. No split of the first two games, no late-inning losses. Just boom! It's over. It's better this way. Chicago feels like it's been euthanized. They're chokers. As for their manager, somebody wake him up, or change his embalming fluid.

Another piece of advice. Nobody publish any books about the Cubs' "historic season" before they win anything. The baseballs Gods don't like that.

As for the White Sox, you get a break. However, I need some speedsters and some contact hitters. Put it this way: Ken Griffey Jr. looks more like Ken Griffey Sr. every day.

Jim Thome, Paul Konerko and Jermaine Dye are all neat, but I'm sorry, their combined ages are in the triple digits. Somebody has to go.

I hope Orlando Cabrera stays. He

says what he thinks, but so does Ozzie Guillen and that has worked OK.

On to what really matters. The Bears are good. You baseball fans have missed a good D, a developing quarterback (what?) and a solid running game. When other teams stack up for the run, they throw it. Weird. Oh, and Tommie Harris was suspended for being late and has now found God. Great, Tommie, now go find the QB.

We're playing a rookie QB on Sunday in Atlanta. Just destroy him and we'll be fine. Also, exciting preseason NBA basketball has begun. The Bulls say they're bringing Derrick Rose along slowly.

Uh-uh. It's Chicago. We don't have that kind of time anymore.

Bird brains WEEK 6 PICKS: 7-5-2

The Bears are going to Atlanta and hardly a mention of Michael Vick this week. Oh, I haven't forgotten. I'll never forget. (But I should've listened to my gut about the Dolphins last week.)

BYE WEEK: BUFFALO, PITTSBURGH, KANSAS CITY, TENNESSEE



Game, time, TV

BEARS AT FALCONS noon, Fox
Miami at Houston, noon
Detroit at Minnesota, noon
Oakland at New Orleans, noon
St. Louis at Washington, noon
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, noon
Baltimore at Indianapolis, noon
Carolina at Tampa Bay, noon
Jacksonville at Denver, 3:05 p.m., CBS
Green Bay at Seattle, 3:15 p.m., Fox
Dallas at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.
New England at San Diego, 7:15 p.m., NBC
N.Y. Giants at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Mon., ESPN

The spread

Bears by 3
Texans by 3
Vikings by 13
Saints by 7
Redskins by 13½
Jets by 5½
Colts by 4
Bucs by 1½
Broncos by 3½
Seahawks by 2
Cowboys by 5
Eagles by 5
Chargers by 5
Giants by 7½

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HOMETOWN HITS

The Bulls preseason game against the Dallas Mavericks at the United Center did not finish before press time. Visit chicagotribune.com for full coverage.

» Larry Hughes has started in the NBA Finals and 76.5 percent of his 618 career NBA games. That he didn't start in Thursday's exhibition opener mattered less to the 10-year veteran than the fact Derrick Rose and Kirk Hinrich have been paired as starters from the start of training camp.

» Long-time radio play-by-play man Neil Funk returned to his TV roots and made his debut with analyst Stacey King. The radio team of Chuck Swirsky and Bill Wennington will make its debut Oct. 17 when the Bulls play Utah in Champaign.


UP NEXT
at N.Y. Rangers

Friday: 6 p.m., CSN (season opener)

» Management says season-ticket sales are at an all-time high after a

300 percent increase from a year ago.

BUZZER BEATERS**NLCS**

All games on Fox

Game 1: PHILLIES 3, DODGERS 2 (through 6 innings)

Chase Utley hit a two-run homer and Pat Burrell followed a solo shot in the 6th inning to take a 3-2 lead over the L.A. Dodgers in Game 1 of the NL championship series on Thursday. Manny Ramirez hit an RBI double against Cole Hamels. The game did not finish before press time.

UP NEXT

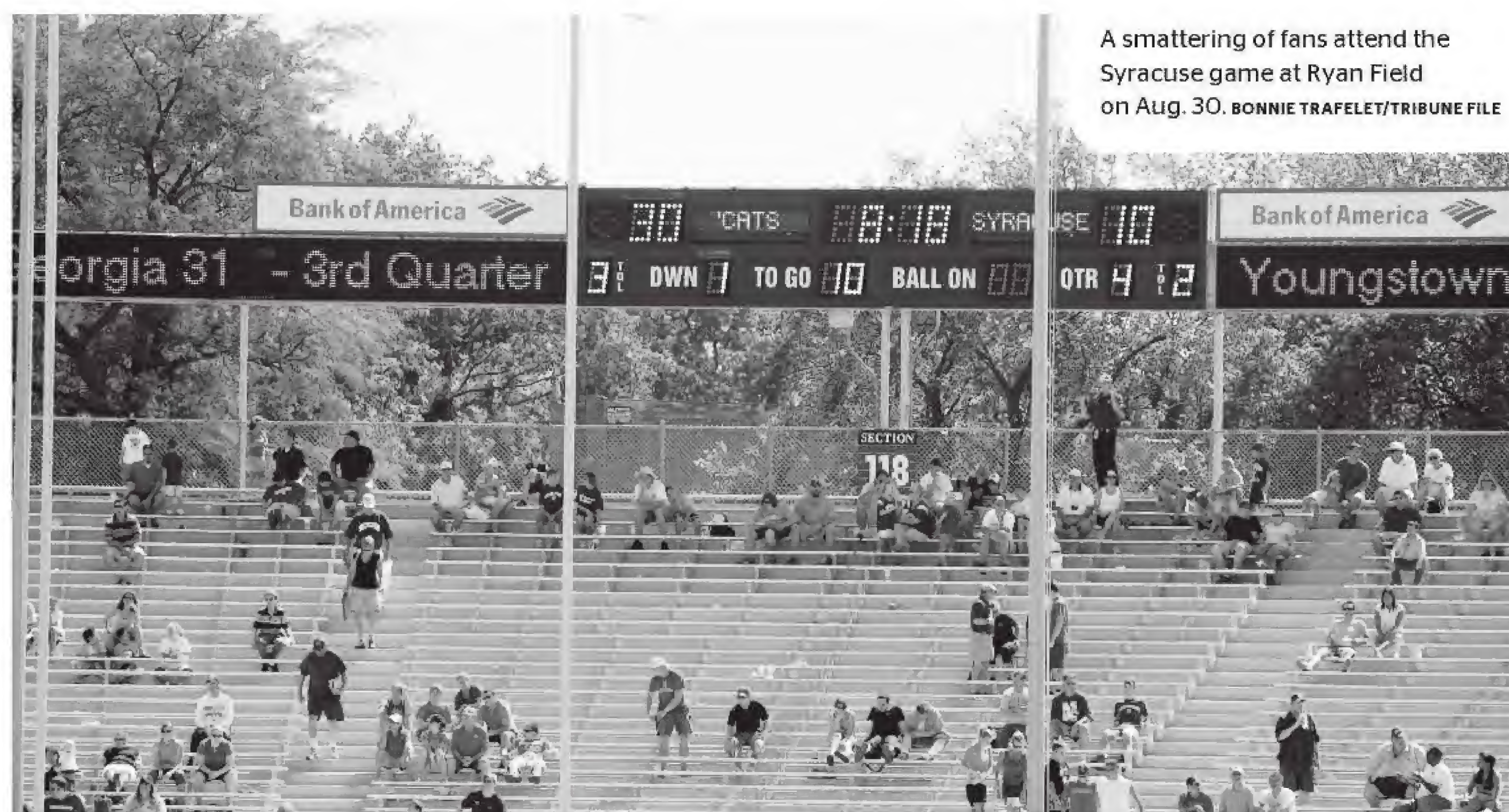
Game 2, 3:35 p.m. Fri: L.A. RHP Chad Billingsley (16-10, 3.14) at Philadelphia RHP Brett Myers (10-13, 4.55)

ALCS

All games on TBS

Game 1, 7:37 p.m. Fri.: Boston RHP Daisuke Matsuzaka (18-3, 2.90 ERA) at Tampa Bay RHP James Shields (14-8, 3.56).

Both the Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays were trying to play down a history of brawling that's adding spice to the buildup. "Bad blood?" smiling Boston slugger David Ortiz said.



A smattering of fans attend the Syracuse game at Ryan Field on Aug. 30. **BONNIE TRAFELET/TRIBUNE FILE**

Mild about Wildcats

MSU matchup could be crowd-pleaser—if only NU could get a crowd

On paper, it's a marketer's dream. Even Don King would salivate over this matchup:

An undefeated, eternally overlooked team hosting the Big Ten's top hope for the Heisman Trophy on a warm, sunny Chicago afternoon.

But if you make it to Ryan Field on Saturday to watch Michigan State and Javon Ringer take on Northwestern, you likely will hear these words: Who needs two?

Northwestern officials expect to draw a crowd of about 30,000, which would leave more than 17,000 empty seats at the recently renovated gem.

And 30,000 would be a nice boost from previous games this season—20,015 for Syracuse, 19,062 in a monsoon against Southern Illinois, 22,069 for Ohio.

ON TV

College football games on Saturday

No. 1 Oklahoma vs. No. 5 Texas
(at Dallas)
11 a.m., ABC

Minnesota at Illinois
11 a.m., ESPN

No. 23 Michigan State at Northwestern
2:30 p.m., ESPN2

Notre Dame at No. 22 North Carolina
2:30 p.m., ABC

No. 4 LSU at No. 11 Florida
7 p.m., CBS

Since the late '90s, Northwestern has drawn well only when the visiting team floods the turnstiles.

So why does Northwestern's attendance lag behind peer BCS schools (Boston College, Duke, Stanford and Vanderbilt),

not to mention its Big Ten brethren?

The major reasons:

» Tradition of losing football. Northwestern failed to post a winning season between 1972 and 1994.

» Big Ten's smallest enrollment. Most students, many from all over, leave Chicago after graduating.

» The quarter system keeps most students away from campus until mid-September.

» A lousy non-conference schedule.

» A Chicago market loaded with entertainment options. "What else is there to do in Iowa City on a fall Saturday?" one Northwestern official wondered.

» Ticket prices. They're not much higher than those at peer schools, but if your end zones are empty for non-league games, why not charge \$15 instead of \$25?



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So long ... sucker

Our guest is Neil Arsenty. Sports Editor Phil Thompson leaves us to be editor of TheMash, the Tribune's weekly for high school students.

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1 There seems to be a lot of buzz about the Blackhawks. How can you tell if they're more popular?	Just by counting Mo'hawks.	I spotted a paying customer in the Hawkquarters store. Thought I'd see a unicorn first.	When telling girls I play for the Hawks works better than saying I play for the Cubs.	If Chicagoans are cursing your name after every loss ... they've fallen for you.	We'll surely hear more people complaining about them.
2 What is one "don't" for Chicago Marathon runners?	Don't share water with "That Guy." You want the gold, not a lifetime "cold."	Don't ... run behind the guy who carbo-loaded at Taco Bell.	Don't down five Irish Car Bombs six hours before the race. Bad idea, trust me!	Don't try to cheat by using the trains and buses. Hail a cab.	After last year's fiasco, don't run in the Chicago Marathon.
3 How has Dusty Baker's managerial experience prepared him for coaching youth baseball?	People around him easily tee off.	He'll be surrounded by hitters with Corey Patterson's knowledge of the strike zone.	His de-emphasis on winning.	Two words: Sammy Sosa.	Dusty's pizza parties for winning games will finally excite his players.
4 Instead of a fare hike, come up with another solution for the CTA.	Free-TA! Put that on signs and watch customer numbers rise.	Lease space on train rooftops for inflatable Godzillas and other car dealership balloons.	Pay what you weigh.	Easy. Have the CTA write bad checks, then wait for the federal bailout.	Finally allow gambling on CTA vehicles.
5 Give Phil a proper sendoff, Five on Five-style.	Pharewell, Phil, now that you're a Philebrity, don't forget the belittle people.	We'll miss you, Phil. P.S., Tracy wants the Zac Efron posters from your cubicle.	Congrats, Phil! You're sooo gonna be homecoming king.	Dealing with bratty know-it-alls is tough. Thankfully I work with high school kids now.	A sendoff? Say it ain't so, Phil! Can I call you Phil?

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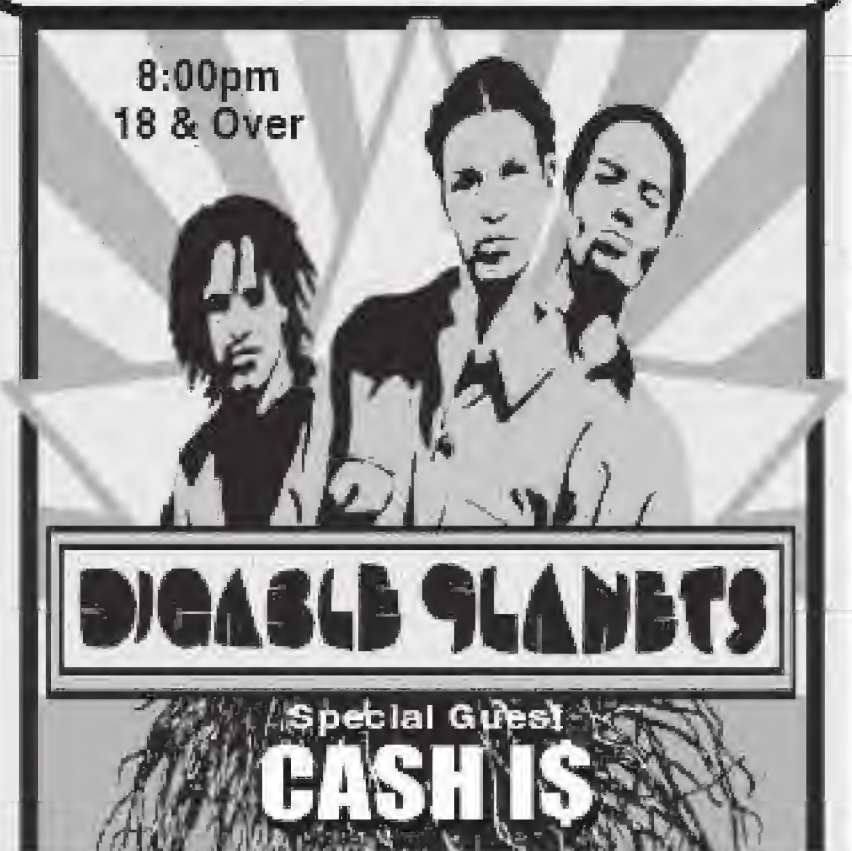
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Party like a rock star at Collaboraction's seventh annual black-tie benefit, the **Beggars' Banquet**. True to the "Back in Black" theme, guests pose on the red carpet before making a VIP-style backstage entrance. Opt for a multicourse dinner (\$175) and cocktails while taking in Collaboraction's rock 'n' roll-inspired theatrical performances and live rock covers by the Prairie Cartel and others. Don't want

dinner? Stop by at 9 p.m. for drinks and live music (\$50). 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 312-226-9633. Tickets: collaboraction.org

**weekend
best bets**

By Beth Geraci
METROMIX.COM

PARTY PICK

Buck up

Give a nod to Germany while feting local flavors at **Oktoberfest in Bucktown**. The tented autumn bash serves up Beck's Oktoberfest brews, dogs and burgers from neighborhood hang Moonshine, and rock 'n' roll tunes by Mark Helga and The Gary Filip and Friends Band. Two fashion shows (3 and 6 p.m.) highlight boutiques Akira, Malabar, Michelle Tan and others. 11 a.m. Saturday. \$5 donation. St. Mary of the Angels, 1810 N. Hermitage Ave. 773-617-8880.

BEST OF THE REST

Play the victim

Will "**Disturbed III**" live up to its name? The 15-minute fright fest is short, but it certainly won't be sweet. Actors pop out from corners to enact the story of a reclusive artist's horrific masterpiece, while you stand against the wall. Video, eerie sounds and special effects enhance the shows, which begin every 30 minutes. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Through Nov. 1. \$9. Oracle Theatre, 3809 N. Broadway. 773-244-2980. Tickets: oracletheatre.org

Living dead

G Boutique's scary yet sultry "**Make me a Zombie Pin-up**" class isn't for the faint of heart. Dress up in lingerie or strip down for the ladies-only, 30-frame photo shoot. A makeup artist applies powder, faux scars and blood, latex paint and other gruesome accents before burlesque queen Michelle L'amour adds ghastly props. Includes wine, appetizers and one airbrushed 8-by-10 photo. 5 p.m. Sunday. \$95. 2131 N. Damen Ave. 773-235-1234. Registration required.

M. Henry
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Sweeter by the dozen

Talk about a sweet deal: Nearly 25 spots dish out sugary samples along two routes at the **Andersonville Dessert Crawl**. Stop for bites at 12 eateries for \$25 or double your pleasure and tackle both crawls—that's 24 spots—for \$40. Fill up on cream puffs at M. Henry, fried Twinkies at Hamburger Mary's and, for an extra \$20, wine at In Fine Spirits. 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday. Start at the Swedish American Museum Center, 5211 N. Clark St. 773-728-7552. Routes and tickets: andersonvillevcorp.org

Country life

Just when you thought fest season was over, along comes the 18th annual **Chicago Country Music Festival**. Moving from its usual Taste of Chicago/Grant Park digs to a new Soldier Field locale, this year's fest features nearly 40 acts on three stages, including Grammy winner Gretchen Wilson ("Redneck Woman") and country-rockers Son Volt (Saturday), as well as multi-platinum crooner Taylor Swift and Nashville band Lady Antebellum (Sunday). 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free. 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive. 312-744-3315. Full schedule at metromix.com

On the run

Now that registration for the **Chicago Marathon** is closed, your only choice is to cheer from the sidelines. (Shucks, right?) Grant Park (500 S. Columbus Drive) marks the start and finish for the 45,000 runners conquering 26.2 miles through 29 neighborhoods, including Lincoln Park, where you can plant yourself at Ranalli's on Clark (2301 N. Clark St. 773-244-2300) to watch the runners pass while dining on a brunch buffet (\$11.95), plus \$2 mimosas and \$4 bloody marys. Race begins at 8 a.m.; brunch at 10 a.m. Sunday. Marathon course: chicagomarathon.com

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DJ Konzept and guests spin. Cover varies; 937 N. Rush St. 312-255-0022.

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9 p.m.: Big Night Out. Benefit bash includes an open bar. \$25-\$30; 642 N. Clark St. 312-207-5605.

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\$6 fish and chips, \$50 for a Heineken keg and a dozen wings; 1635 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-2680.

SCHOOLYARD TAVERN & GRILL

\$4 Old Style tallboys, \$5 for three fish tacos, \$5 Mad Dog bottles; 3258 N. Southport Ave. 773-528-8226.

SMART BAR

10 p.m.: Surkin. Hey Champ DJs, Local Hero. \$10; 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

SONOTHEQUE

9 p.m.: Alexander Robotnick spins. \$10-\$15; 1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-7600.

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Release Friday. DJs Danny Boy, Inphinity, Mark Centennial, Polbeeta, Joseph Durant and Billy the Kid spin. \$20. R.S.V.P. at sound-bar.com for reduced admission; 226 W. Ontario St. 312-787-4480.

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\$3 Jim Beam cocktails and grab bag beer bottles; 501 N. Ogden Ave. 312-666-1500.

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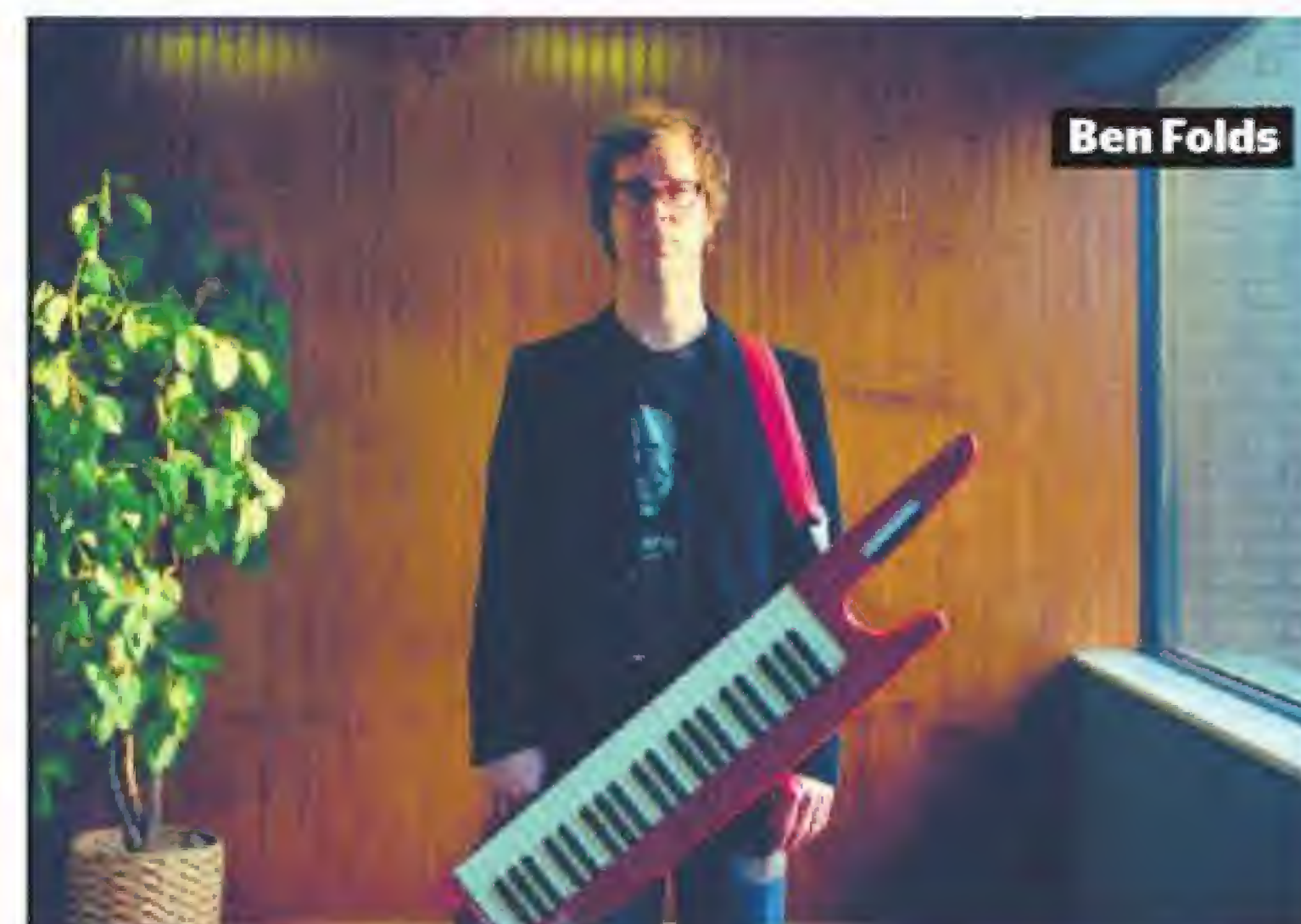
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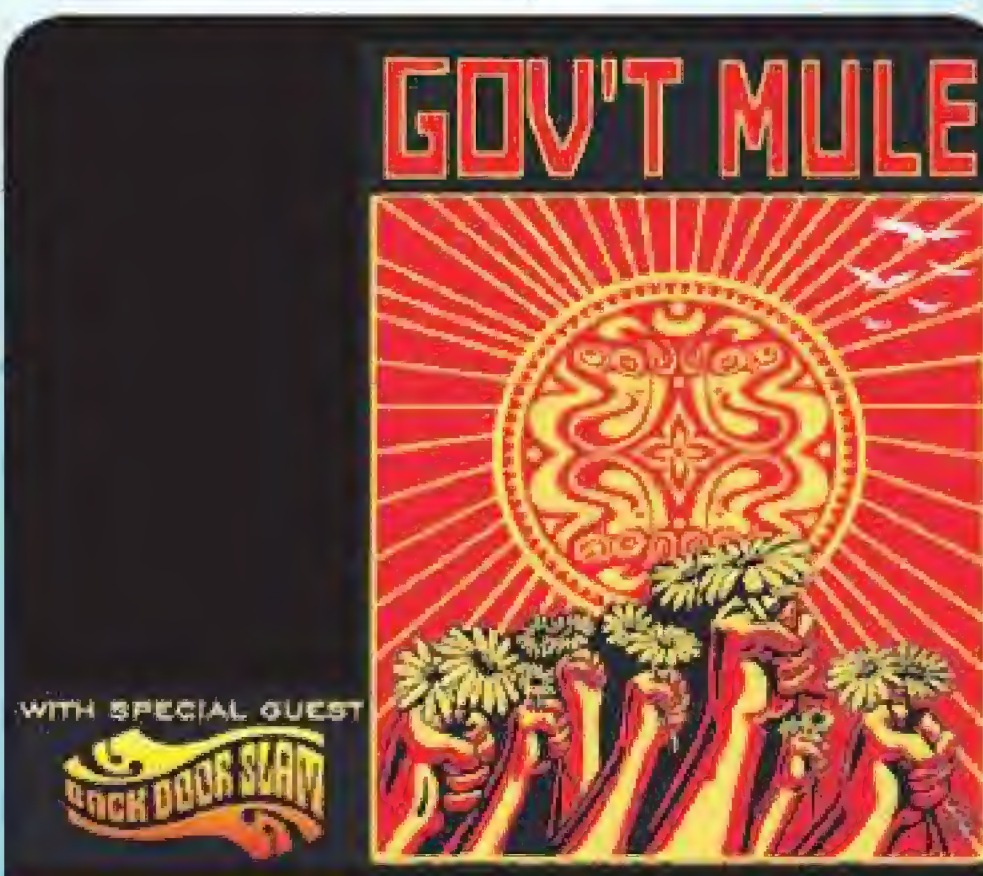
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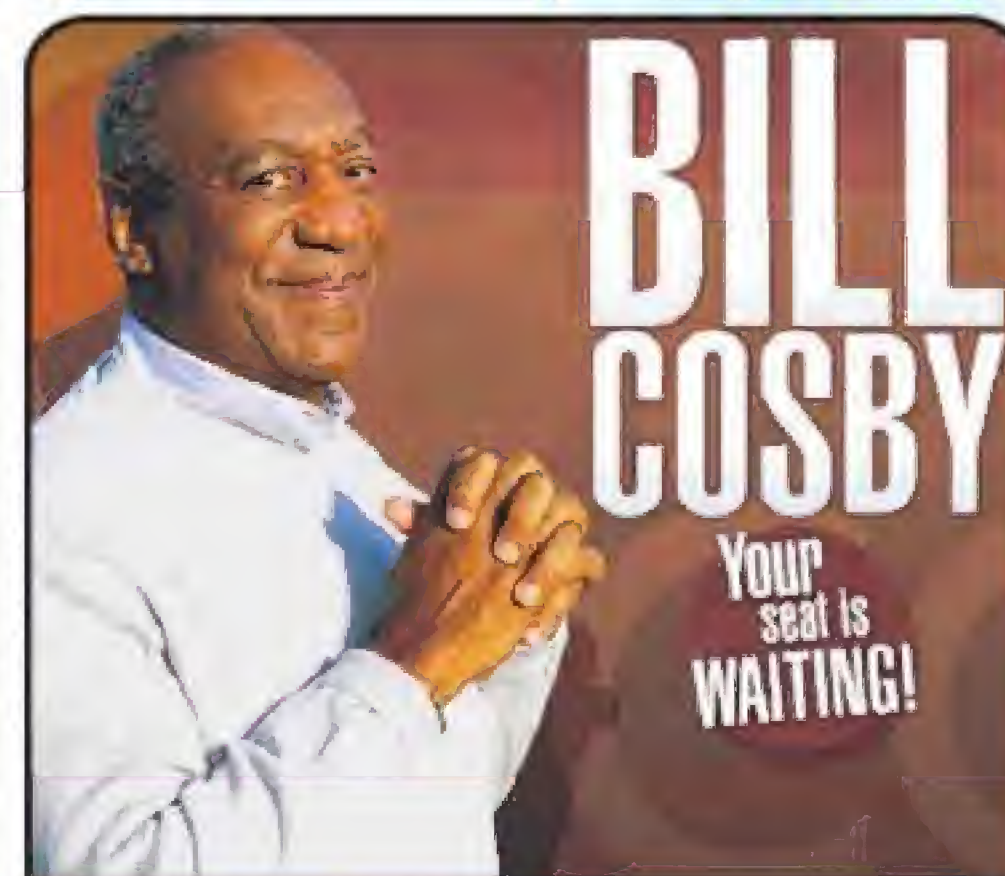
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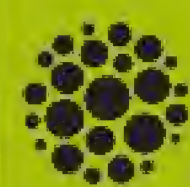
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Building a hip-hop career

Nizm balances love of music, architecture

By Jennifer Wagner

FOR REDEYE

Leroy Stewart, a.k.a. Nizm, has been drawing up plans for success in both hip-hop and architecture since he was a kid.

Nizm grew up in a music-loving family on the South Side.

"My sister was mostly into alternative and a little bit of hip-hop," Nizm said.

"[I] took [my sister's] Digital Underground tape, and it's been a love affair since."

Nizm developed another passion as a child: architecture.

"I began drawing in 6th grade ... architecture attracted me because of the scale of the work in relation to humans," he said.

His parents moved the family from the South Side so Nizm could attend Lane Tech High to pursue his longtime dream. Now, he works as an intern for an architectural firm in the Chicago area.

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Nizm

When: 10 p.m.,
Oct. 22

Where: Darkroom

Nizm's work as a hip-hop artist takes precedence over almost everything, however—maybe even architecture.

He relies on his lyrical skills and rapier wit to help him excel in both songwriting and freestyle.

He has a particular knack for getting in that crucial last punch line that ultimately wins the impromptu joust known as cypher.

"Infamous lines, they usually come to me and go," Nizm said. "[The] best way I can describe it is similar to a good improvisational comedian or actor. ...

"I can honestly say I have never been at a loss for words."

Nizm enjoys the written word too.

"I write as I am moved," he said. "I approach writing with the same ease as freestyle."

He supports his most recent CD, "Me, This Is," with performances at some of Chicago's most popular venues such as The Funky Buddha Lounge and Kinetic Playground.

Is Nizm sketching out any serious plans for the future?

"[I'm] looking to just have fun with the music I love," he said.

Listen to Nizm's "Hip Hop" at redeye.chicago.com/chitunes.

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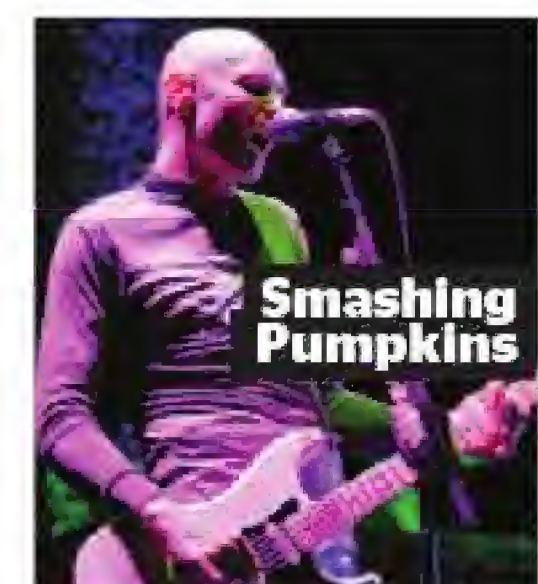
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Heating bills predicted to more than double this fall and winter

Famous EdenPURE™ heater that can cut your heating bills up to 50%

will likely have long waiting list this fall due to increased demand

Limited supply available now

Experts are predicting that your heating bills will likely more than double this fall and winter. Also, the Farmer's Almanac is predicting a very cold winter this year.

As a result of this, BioTech Research has reported that its famous EdenPURE™ heater will likely have long waiting lists for buyers this cold season. This is because the manufacturing process for the EdenPURE™ heater is very lengthy. Materials and parts come from all over the world and orders for them must be placed far in advance. The company estimated the number of heaters to be needed this coming season based on last year's totals and has already placed orders for parts and materials many months ago, before the predictions of heating bills more than doubling. The likely surge in demand for the heater would sell out this year's allocation very quickly.

BioTech Research says that it has received its first shipments of its new 3rd generation heater that are available now while supplies last.

The famous EdenPURE™ heater has been widely publicized as seen on TV, newspapers and as heard on Paul Harvey News.

The 3rd generation of the EdenPURE™ Infrared Portable Heater heats faster, better and quieter. Even though the past generations were safe and reliable, the 3rd generation is even safer and more reliable.

The EdenPURE™ GEN3 can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

And that's just the start of the benefits for the new EdenPURE™ GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater.

A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE™ GEN3 cannot cause a fire. That is because the quartz infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

The outside of the EdenPURE™ GEN3 only gets warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets. Pets can sleep on it when it is operating without harm.

The EdenPURE™ GEN3 will also make you healthier. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room. Typical heating sources reduce humidity which dries out your sinuses, makes you more susceptible to disease and makes your skin dry. With other heating sources, you'll notice that you get sleepy when the heat comes on because they are burning up oxygen.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE™ GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. Other heating sources heat rooms unevenly with most of the heat concentrated high in the room and to the center of the room. And, as you know, portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater. With the EdenPURE™ GEN3, the temperature will not vary in any part of the room.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE™ GEN3 cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide into a room or any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation.

For more details on the amazing EdenPURE™ GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research®.

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE™ GEN3?

A. This advanced heating element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. He had a large old farmhouse that was impossible to heat. Jones had a coal furnace in his basement. Jones placed a sheet of cured copper near the furnace to store it. Cured copper is a type of copper that goes through an extensive heating process to give it special properties.

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also was amazed as to how long the heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room.

Jones was so taken back by this that he started to experiment. He formed a compa-

ny to develop a heating source out of this cured copper. But Jones had a number of children and he did not want a heating source that would cause a fire or create other hazardous situations like creating carbon monoxide or radiation. He also did not want his children to get burned.

To make a long story short, through a great deal of research and development, Jones developed a heating source that utilized cured copper and commercial infrared quartz tubes.

Q. What advantages does infrared quartz tube heating source have over other heating source products?

A. John Jones designed his heating source around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety. The final development of this infrared quartz heat source cannot be matched by any other heating system in the world.

In the EdenPURE™ GEN3 system, electricity is used to generate infrared light which, in turn, creates a very safe heat. Infrared is the safest form of heat because it does not create carbon monoxide or harmful radiation. And, most importantly, infrared heat does not reach a burning temperature.

After a great deal of research and development, very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE™ GEN3 heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial applications worldwide for over 25 years.

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE™ GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE™ GEN3 Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is.

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to disease. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation.

Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill by up to 50% with the EdenPURE™ GEN3?

A. First, the EdenPURE™ GEN3 uses less energy to create heat than other sources, but that is just part of why it will cut a person's heating bill. The EdenPURE™ GEN3 will heat a room in minutes. There-

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Los Angeles Times

Leonardo DiCaprio didn't realize he was in over his head until it was too late.

"I was constantly fueled with adrenaline," DiCaprio remembers of filming his new espionage thriller, "Body of Lies." "There were certainly moments of sheer anxiety."

He wasn't talking about the physical hardships he endured for director Ridley Scott's homage to such '70s political potboilers as "The Parallax View" and "Three Days of the Condor"—although the 33-year-old L.A. native did endure plenty.

DiCaprio's character, undercover CIA operative Roger Ferris, is treated like a human pinata. He narrowly outruns terrorist bombs, gets torn up by shrapnel in a helicopter missile strike and is attacked by a rabid dog while on a covert mission to take down a Middle Eastern terrorist cell.

In addition, Ferris must navigate the treacherous shoals of his own government's convoluted agenda in the region, his progress undercut at every step by a ruthless agency station chief played by Russell Crowe.

Worse, in actuality, DiCaprio was stricken by a respiratory illness after filming a harrowing, emotionally exhausting torture sequence in an ancient Moroccan prison.

"If you're going to put something like that on film, we all had an understanding that it had to be as realistic and frightening as it could possibly be," DiCaprio said of the torture scene, while seated across from Scott on a leafy patio atop the director's West Hollywood, Calif., production company complex.

But what really put the actor outside his comfort zone on "Body of Lies" was the unique professional mojo between Scott and Crowe—a hard-charging duo that takes a perverse pride in skipping any conventional rehearsal process and who would excise huge chunks of the script just moments before the cameras rolled.

For DiCaprio, thrice Oscar-nominated and something of a muse to Martin Scorsese, it wasn't easy being the odd man out. And those kinds of challenges to his normal process triggered a fight-or-flight response.

"You hear it a lot in this business, that there's a 'shorthand' between an actor and a



Tag team

Director Ridley Scott and actor Russell Crowe work together often. Including "Body of Lies," how many movies have they teamed up on? Text **team** and the number of your reply to **47383**. You'll get an answer telling you if you're right.

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director," DiCaprio explained. "But Russell and Ridley were really accustomed to working together. It took me a few weeks to get used to that work process and into that pacing. It's just a few words, then 'Boom! Boom! Boom! Let's take that whole sequence out. You got it? All right. You agree? Great. We're going to shoot it in 10 minutes.'"

With characteristic movie-star magnanimity he added: "I learned a lot from that."

DiCaprio sounds more awed than bitter, more like an earnest drama student than a mollycoddled A-lister, recalling working on "Body of Lies"—in fact, his second movie with Crowe. The two shot the 1995 western "The Quick and the Dead" together in Arizona when DiCaprio was much younger

and a pre-"L.A. Confidential" Crowe was still largely unknown outside Australia.

Confounding his standard operating procedure even further, DiCaprio wrapped production on the '50s-set romantic drama "Revolutionary Road" just weeks before shooting started on "Body of Lies."

"I had just come from 'Revolutionary Road,' which was kind of like a Broadway play," DiCaprio said. "It was endless talking about the relationship of these two characters. Rehearsals to the utmost. Carefully planning out each shot, each moment, each mood. It was a delicate process, which is important for that kind of movie. A month later, I was slammed into this big-game hunter's way of shooting."

Um, big-game hunter's way of shooting?

"We're sitting there in the middle of the desert. Choppers are flying above us. I've got to get my scene. The sun's going down, and a jeep is waiting for us to get in," DiCaprio said. "I'm like, 'Ridley! Let's just stop for one second. How the hell is this supposed to work?' And he's like, 'Let's not worry about it. If it doesn't work, we'll shoot it again.'"

"His favorite thing to say is, 'Let's shoot it.' He's unlike any other filmmaker I've worked

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LEONARDO DICAPRIO

On filming “Body of Lies”



Scott on the set
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Scott channels Jack Bauer

Suffice it to say that Leonardo DiCaprio and Ridley Scott agree to disagree about certain principles of the Geneva Conventions.

“If I’m going to get down to brass tacks, there’s no rules. If I want to get the information out of somebody, I have to do it. And it makes it a lot easier if that person put a bomb in a square or blew up a bunch of kids. I’d definitely take a cricket bat to him.” He glanced over at DiCaprio for confirmation. “Right?”

DiCaprio clamped his lips together, averted eye contact and almost imperceptibly shook his head no.

The hard-charging director suddenly reversed course. “Never let me be the head of any counter-terrorist organization,” Scott said, chuckling. *L.A. TIMES*



Crowe (left) and DiCaprio
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with in that regard. It seems like chaos, but he makes it look so easy.”

Listening in, Scott seemed impatient with all the hullabaloo over his style but also proud. In his inimitably gruff way, the director set out to return the compliment.

“It’s easy when you have people thinking on their feet,” Scott said. “He’s quick on his feet because he’s been working since he was 9!”

“Thirteen,” said DiCaprio, smirking.

“Well, you looked 9,” Scott said with finality. “He’s very experienced. This guy is comfortable at the dance.”

Torturous role

For an excruciating sequence in “Body of Lies” in which his covert operative character is tortured by terrorists, Leonardo DiCaprio had to psyche himself up for months before filming.

But even with all his mental preparation, the experience of shooting in an old prison in Rabat, Morocco, left him sickened and spent. “We did that in the middle of some medieval torture tomb. There was some kind of horrific dust in the air,” DiCaprio recalled.

That combination of the intense physical and mental stress of the scene, coupled with the dust particles lodging in his lungs, left DiCaprio worse for the wear. “I got sick for two or three days afterward because of the intense energy it took.” *L.A. TIMES*

Body of Lies (R)

Russell Crowe gained more than 60 pounds to play Ed Hoffman, a CIA official who sends operative Roger Ferris (Leonardo DiCaprio, not bad with his Arabic) from Iraq to Jordan to sniff out a terrorist leader (Alon Abutbul). As Hoffman continually undermines Ferris’ authority from overseas, the operation involves Ferris befriending a powerful player in Jordanian intelligence (Mark Strong) and falling for a nurse (Golshifteh Farahani).

THE BUZZ: Perhaps this is the topical drama viewers will actually go see: The movie continues DiCaprio’s streak of working only with big-time directors (Martin Scorsese, Steven Spielberg, Edward Zwick), and whenever Crowe teams up with director Ridley Scott (“American Gangster,” “Gladiator”), there’s usually high-stakes drama and plenty of bloodshed to match. Based on the 2004 novel “Penetration” by Washington Post columnist David Ignatius, the film’s got a new, generic title because we assume a movie called “Penetration” brings in a different type of actors for the casting call. (Er, as opposed to “Body of Lies,” which sounds like a late-night Cinemax flick.)

THE VERDICT: Enough with jamming love stories in the middle of this madness (remember “Rendition”?). That said, “Body of Lies” is intriguing as Ferris struggles to spearhead the operation as Hoffman’s far-away decisions change the situation like the Earth’s plates moving beneath him. There’s a lot of finger-pointing at disjointed U.S. procedure and a hole at the film’s center where there should be an unraveling of this operational inefficiency. But Scott does something most directors of terrorism-related films haven’t: He makes the threats, obstacles and explosions seem shatteringly real and fashions big-budget entertainment that’s neither exploitative nor patronizing.

DID YOU KNOW? Hani (Strong) comforts a skeptical Ferris by saying that he’s not watching him—he’s watching out for him. As long as it’s in your best interests, who cares who’s got their eyes on you?



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Teammates say 'Express' fumbles the facts

St. Petersburg Times

Ernie Davis was only weeks from dying the last time Dick Easterly saw his Heisman Trophy-winning teammate.

It was 1963 at Syracuse University's alumni football game, where teammates celebrated the Orangemen's 1959 national championship. Davis was the team's juggernaut running back, later the first African-American ever to win the Heisman Trophy.

Soon after being drafted No. 1 overall by the Cleveland Browns, Davis was diagnosed with leukemia. He wore street clothes at the alumni game, serving as an honorary coach.

Davis, 23, died the next month in a Cleveland hospital.

All these years later, Easterly still recalls his teammate not only for his football prowess, but also for his warm, comical personality. Qualities missing from Davis' portrayal in "The Express," opening Friday.

Davis' accomplishments and abbreviated life inspire the new movie, which Easterly saw at an Orangemen reunion recently. He later joined teammate Patrick Whelan, 71, of Safety Harbor, at a Tampa screening.

Neither believes "The Express" cap-

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tures his personality, or accurately portrays his relationships with head coach Ben Schwartzwalder and teammates. They claim key events on screen never occurred, like the team being showered with garbage and racial epithets during a game at West Virginia.

Truth is sometimes rearranged in screen biographies, when facts aren't dramatic enough for the filmmaker's vision. Director Gary Fleder uses Davis' football career to illustrate racial intolerance that Easterly and Whelan claim seldom existed for him.

"What the director tried to accomplish is showing the conditions of those times," Easterly said. "A lot of things in the movie didn't happen at that time at Syracuse but did happen in the country.

"I see a lot of things that never were done to Ernie but maybe happened to [Syracuse

great] Jim Brown (in the 1950s). Hell, the movie's more about him than Ernie. And they made Ben look like a racist, to me."

In "The Express," Schwartzwalder (Dennis Quaid) is initially depicted as reluctant to recruit Davis (Rob Brown) because he's "too old to butt heads with another Jim Brown," one of the first black athletes to openly defy American racism.

Brown portrays Davis as an intense, shy person moved to anger when Schwartzwalder deflects any discriminatory acts. During the West Virginia fracas, Davis snaps at his coach: "Maybe, just maybe, the rules down here are your rules too."

Easterly scoffs at that dramatic license. "He would never in a million years talk to Ben Schwartzwalder like that," Easterly said. "Nor would Ben ever talk to Ernie like that."

The teammates also say that Brown's portrayal misses Davis' essence.

"He was like a magnet to good things, always; polite, smart, a real personality," Whelan said. "Ernie knew everybody's name and went out of his way to say hello. He was a real comedian too."



Actor Rob Brown (above) portrays college football hero Ernie Davis (inset) in "Express."
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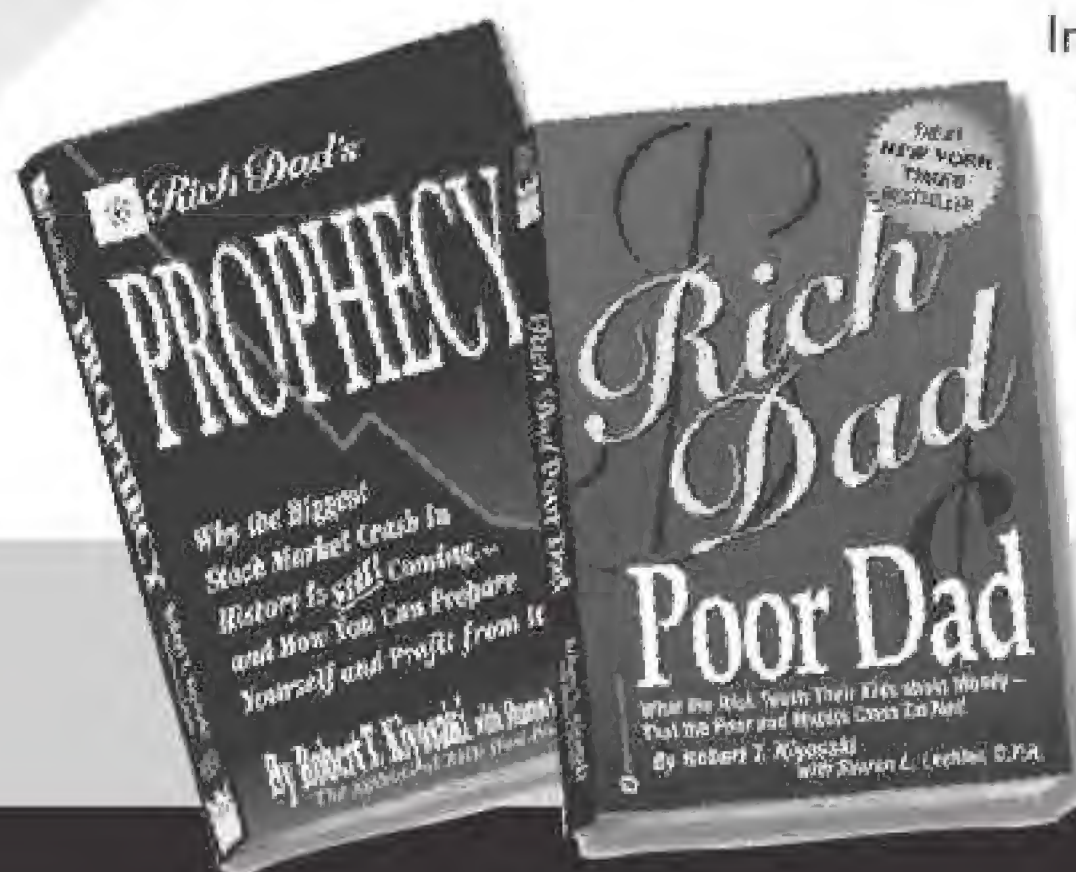
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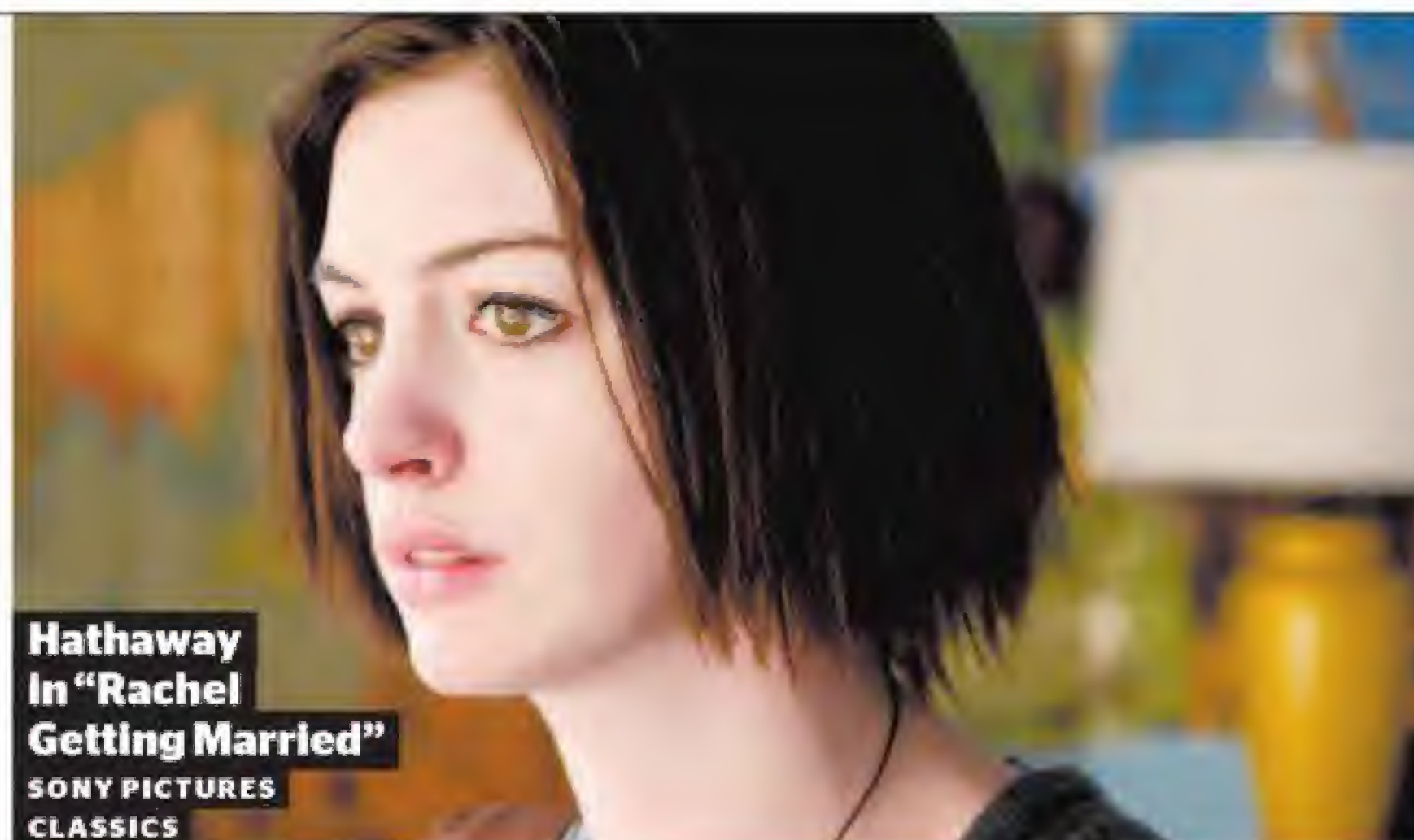
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Genius? Not quite.

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■■■■■ **Rachel Getting Married** (R)

Released temporarily from rehab and forever scarred from causing a car accident that killed her little brother, Kym (Anne Hathaway) returns home just in time for her older sister Rachel's (Rosemarie DeWitt) wedding. Kym's presence sparks numerous conflicts with Rachel, their dad (Bill Irwin) and mom (Debra Winger).

THE VERDICT: Like Kym, "Rachel Getting Married" isn't sure if it can be happy and seems slightly off when it tries. (The coincidences of Kym running into an old rehab acquaintance and seeing the best man in a recovery meeting are likewise unconvincing.) But the movie knows misery, and a good performance from Hathaway and an even better one from DeWitt support an emotional gauntlet worth braving.



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■■■■■ **The Express** (PG)

On his way to becoming the first African-American to win the Heisman Trophy, Syracuse University running back Ernie "The Express" Davis (Rob Brown) endures racist fans and opponents, his encouraging but questionably tolerant coach Schwartzwelder (Dennis Quaid), and the typical jerky linebacker. Davis also befriends another black player (Omar Benson Miller) and starts a relationship with one of the few black coeds (Nicole Behaire) in sight.

THE VERDICT: Call it first-time déjà vu: This movie won't make you feel much because you've already felt it the same way, in the same manner from other stories that got there first with more charisma.

■■■■■ **City of Ember** (PG)

In the futuristic but strangely antiquated City of Ember, citizens live underground, are forbidden to go outside city limits and receive all power from a central generator and food from storage overseen by the Mayor (Bill Murray). When the generator goes down, two plucky kids (Saoirse Ronan, Harry Treadaway) try to find a way out of the city and into the natural light.

THE VERDICT: "City of Ember" gets some good goofiness from Murray—the only actor here having any fun—and some OK visuals that guarantee this won't disintegrate your brain the way family-friendly fare like "Star Wars: The Clone Wars" does. But the vaguely drawn, bone-dry story will almost certainly bore both you and the child/kid brother/nephew/court-appointed protegee you brought along.

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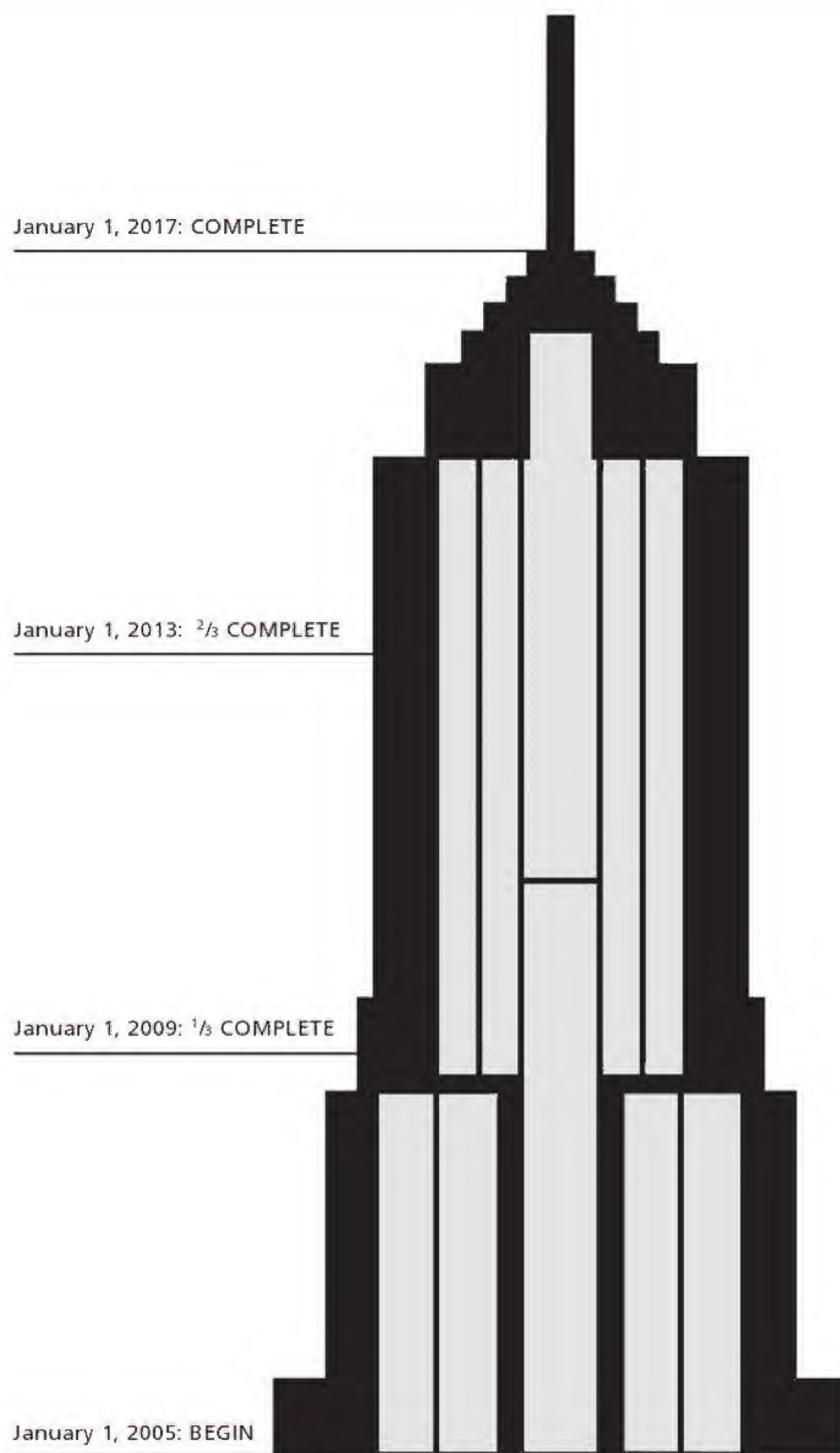
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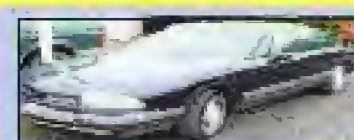
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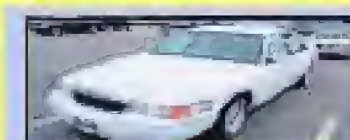
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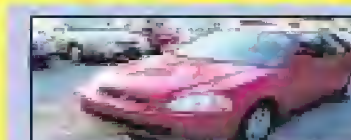
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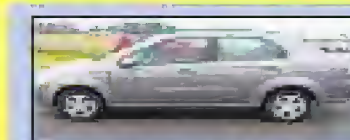
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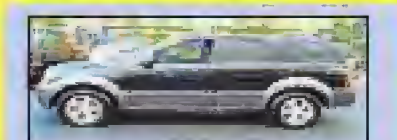
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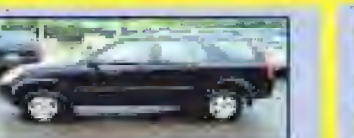
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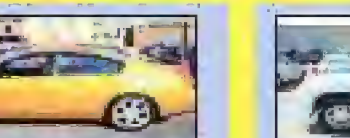
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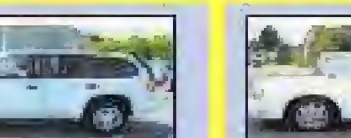
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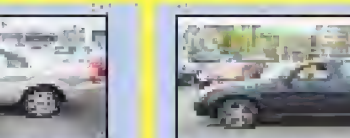
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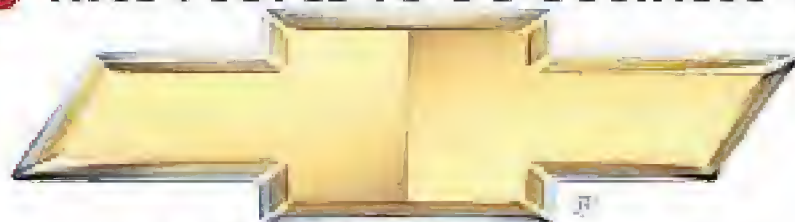
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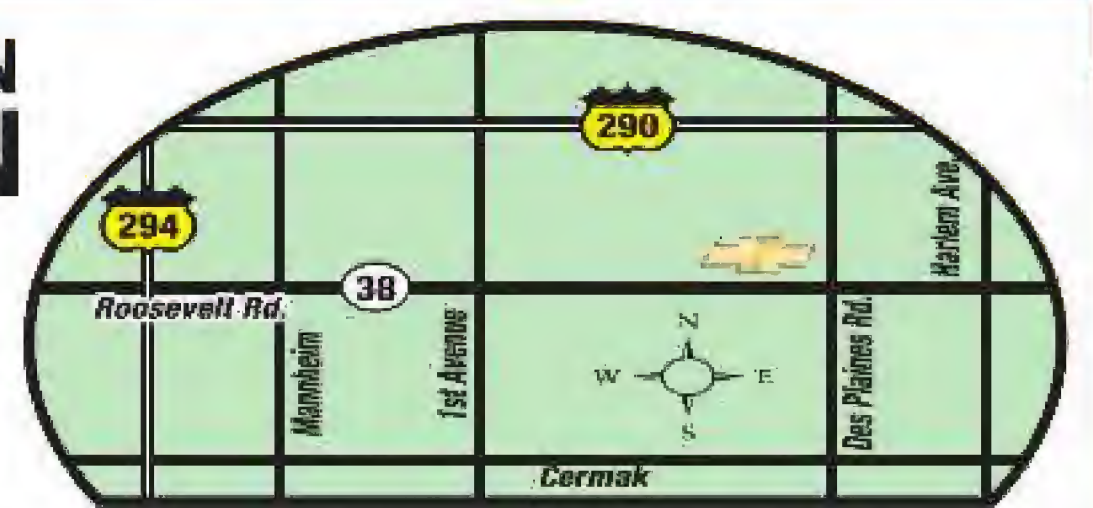
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Murray's retirement short-lived

Chicago Tribune

For a retired guy, Bill Murray has been busy.

Not only did he jump out of a plane during Chicago's Air & Water Show in August, but he's also appearing in a new movie, "City of Ember," which opens Friday.

Murray, 58, halfheartedly told interviewers he was retired in 2005, after he starred in director Jim Jarmusch's "Broken Flowers." But, it seems, retirement didn't take.

Murray talked recently about politics, "Ghostbusters 3" and video games.

You play a corrupt politician in your latest film. Any models for your character?

Just all of them. I'd hate to be selfish and pick just one. The only person I didn't choose is Richie [Mayor Daley]. I get a kick out of the way he works. I think he really loves the city. But there's no



one that comes to mind. They've all disappointed. They're like crack girls; no matter how attractive they are, they're going to break your heart.

Harold Ramis told the Tribune that Columbia Pictures is developing "Ghostbusters 3." Would you be interested in doing another sequel?

It's all talk until the script shows up. When Danny [Aykroyd] used to say, "Come on, we'll do one more," I said, "Well, I'll do it disembodied. Kill me off, and I'll be a ghost." I thought that was a decent idea.

You recently voiced your character, Peter Venkman, for a "Ghostbusters" video game. What was that like?

That was fun. I'm not really a game guy, but I enjoyed recording it. It was funny. I liked being the guy again. I was walking down the street singing the "Ghostbusters" song. I'm sure people were thinking, "Hey pal, get over it. Really. Kinda full of yourself, or what?" But I hadn't thought about it in so long that it was fun to be that guy.

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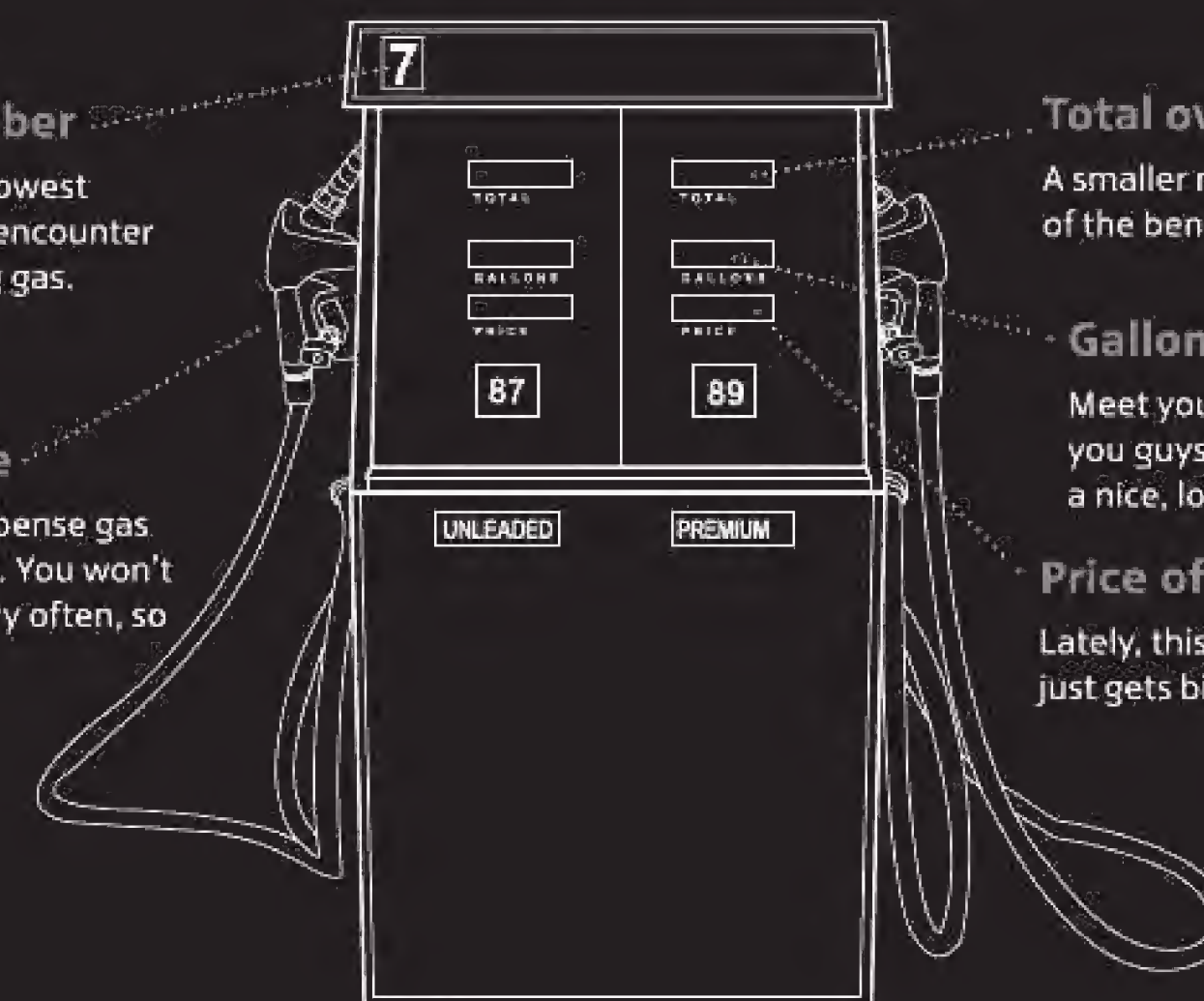
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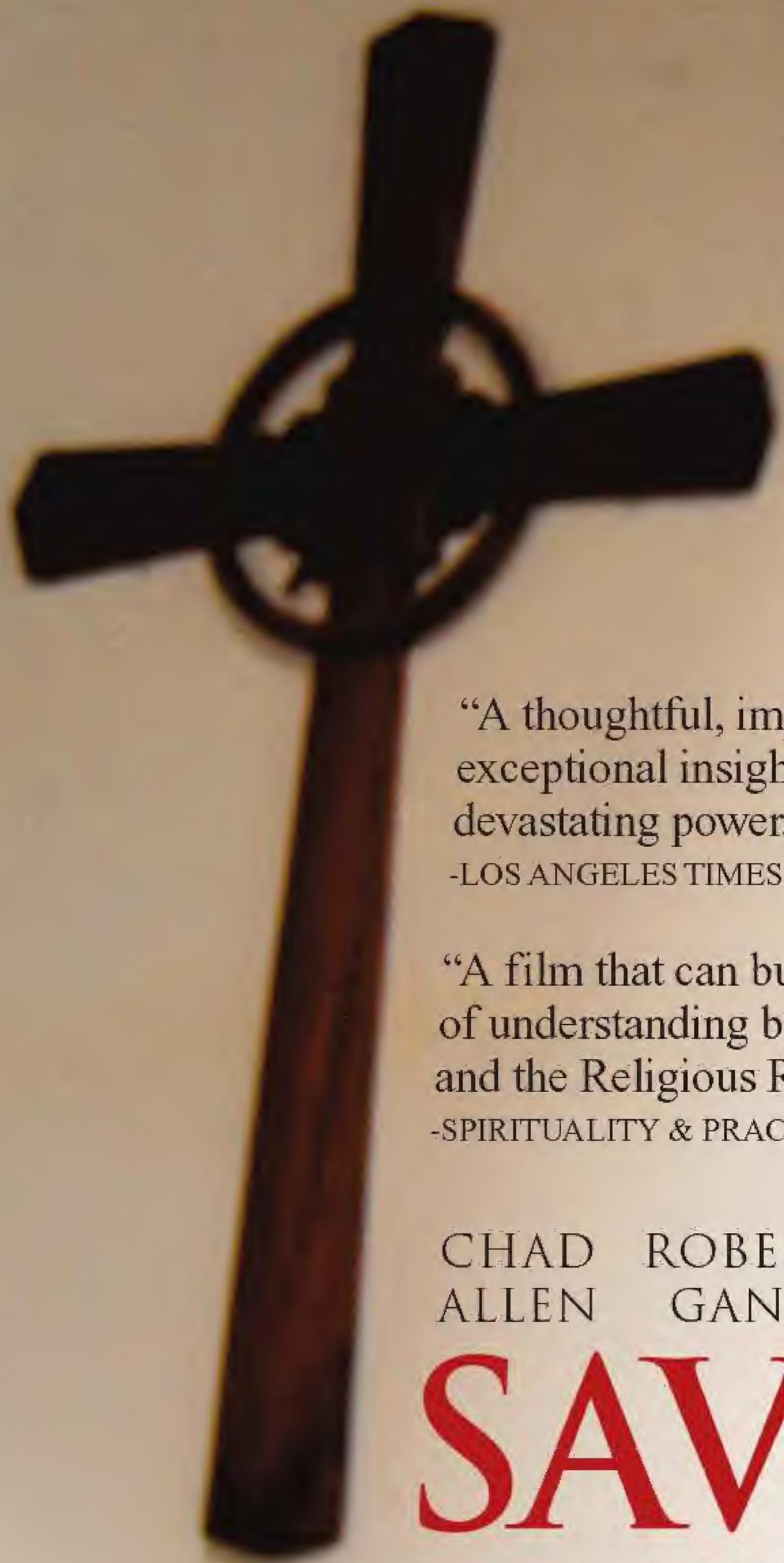
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Worth watching? " 'Save Me' doesn't poke fun at anyone's beliefs. It takes a more nuanced humanistic approach. You leave thinking that any compassion shown for disturbed souls is better than none and that love can be communicated along with misinformation." **RUTHE STEIN, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE**



■■■■ A Thousand Years of Good Prayers (NR)
Who's in it: Faye Yu, Henry O
What it's about: Yilan (Yu) left Beijing with her husband a dozen years ago, settling in Spokane, Wash. She's a librarian at the local university, living in a garden apartment. After her divorce, her widowed dad, Mr. Shi (Henry O), comes to help her "recover."
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- Eagle Eye (PG-13) 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
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- AMC Select Choke (R) 12:45, 5:50, 10:50
- Miracle-Anna (R) 11:05, 3:00, 6:45, 10:25
- Lakeview Terr (PG-13) 11:20, 2:10, 5:10, 8:20, 11:00
- Ghost Town (PG-13) 12:40, 5:30, 10:50
- AMC Select Burn After Rd. (R) 10:05, 10:30, 1:20, 3:15, 4:10, 7:00, 8:35, 9:40
- Family Preys (PG-13) 10:10, 3:00, 8:15

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

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- Quarantine (R) ★ 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00, 12:40
- City of Ember (PG) 1:10, 3:40, 6:40, 9:00, 11:40
- The Express (PG) ★ 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50, 12:55
- Body of Lies (R) ★ 12:10, 1:00, 3:10, 4:10, 6:10, 7:10, 9:10, 10:10, 12:20
- The Duchess (PG-13) ★ 1:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20, 12:01
- BH Chihuahua (PG) ★ 11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:10, 4:00, 4:50, 6:30, 7:20, 8:50, 9:45, 11:30
- Blindness (R) ★ 11:15, 5:00, 10:40
- Religulous (R) ★ 11:30, 2:20, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30, 1:00

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- Body of Lies (R) ★ 10:20, 12:30, 1:20, 3:30, 4:20, 6:30, 7:20, 9:30, 10:20
- Nick and Norah (PG-13) ★ 11:30, 1:00, 2:10, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 6:50, 7:45, 9:15, 10:00
- Appaloosa (R) ★ 11:00, 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
- Flash of Genius (PG-13) ★ 10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
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- Miracle-Anna (R) 2:45, 9:45
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- BH Chihuahua (PG) 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15
- Blindness (R) 4:50, 7:45, 10:30
- Nick and Norah (PG-13) 2:45, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15
- How to Lose (R) 1:40
- Eagle Eye (PG-13) 12:30, 3:40, 6:30, 9:50
- Lakeview Terr (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:05
- Family Preys (PG-13) 12:50, 3:30, 6:10, 8:50
- Righteous Kill (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

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- The Express (PG) 1:30, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55
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- Rachel Getting (R) ★ 11:55, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35
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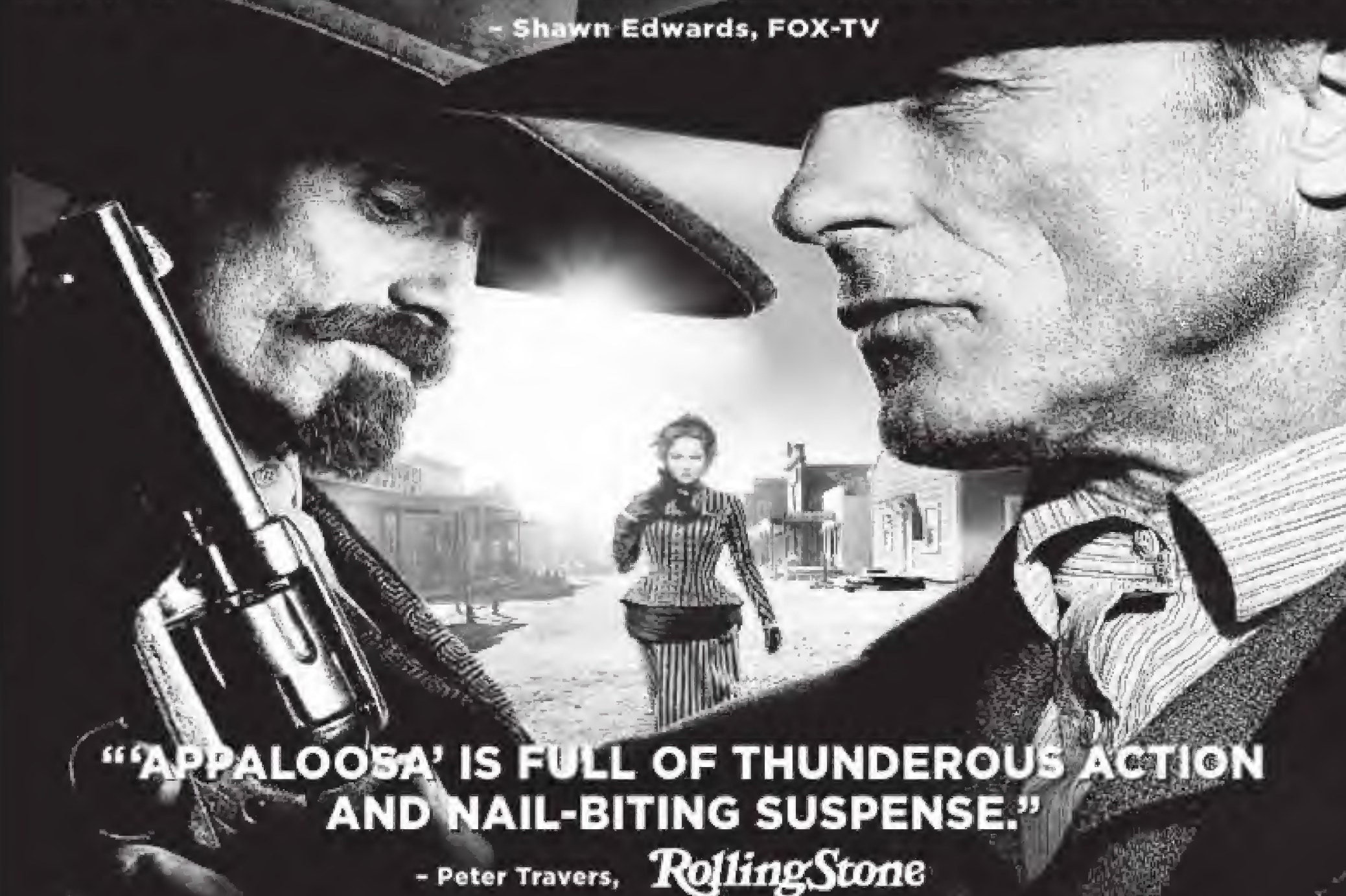
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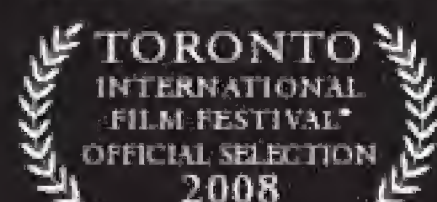
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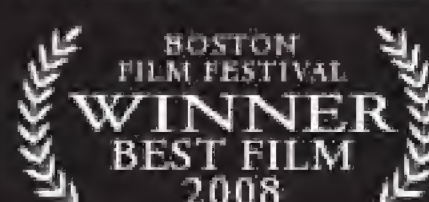
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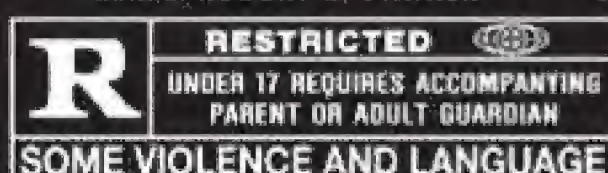
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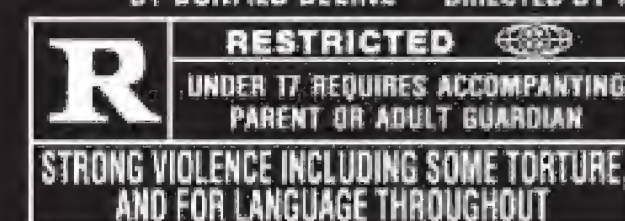
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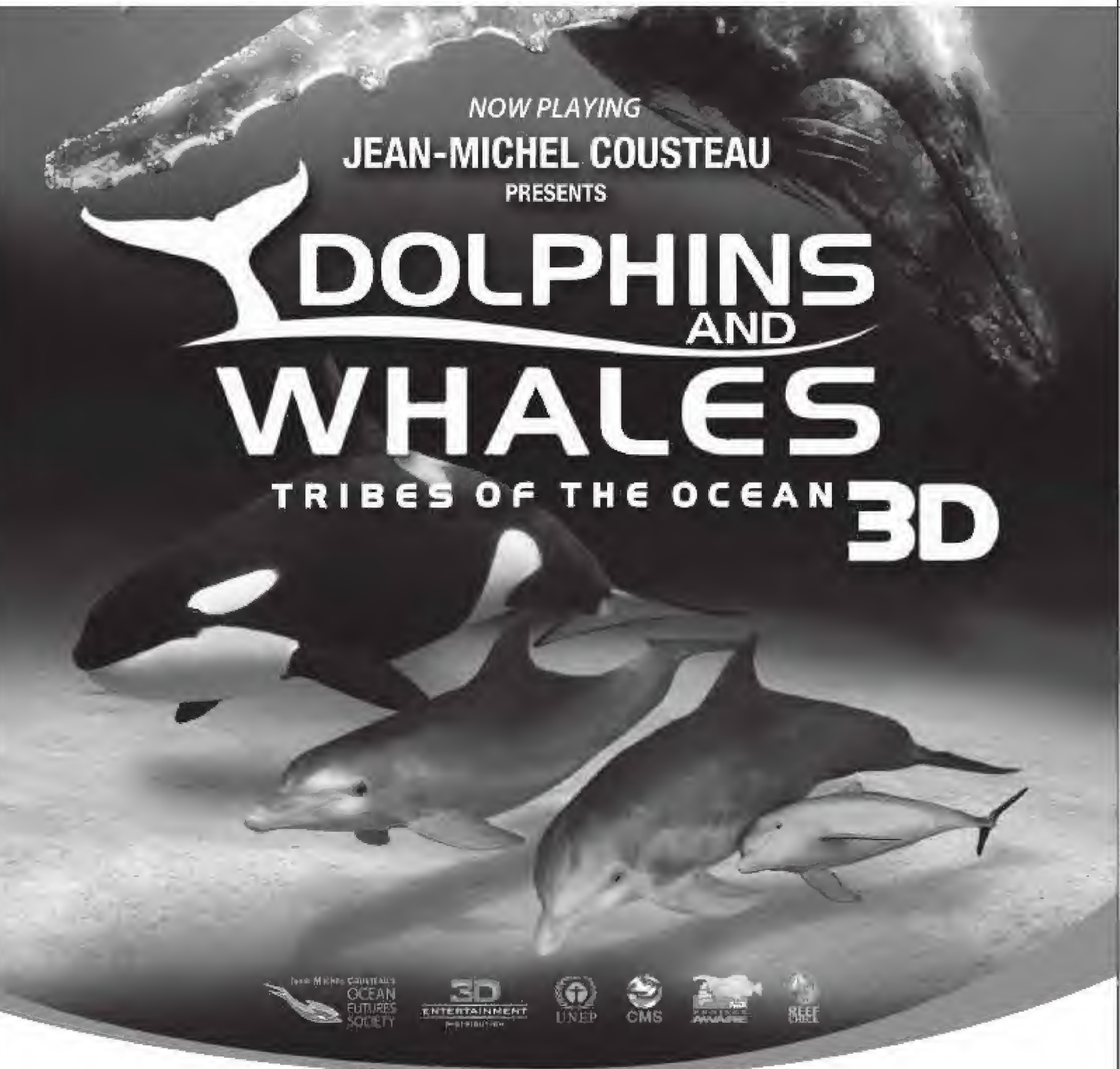
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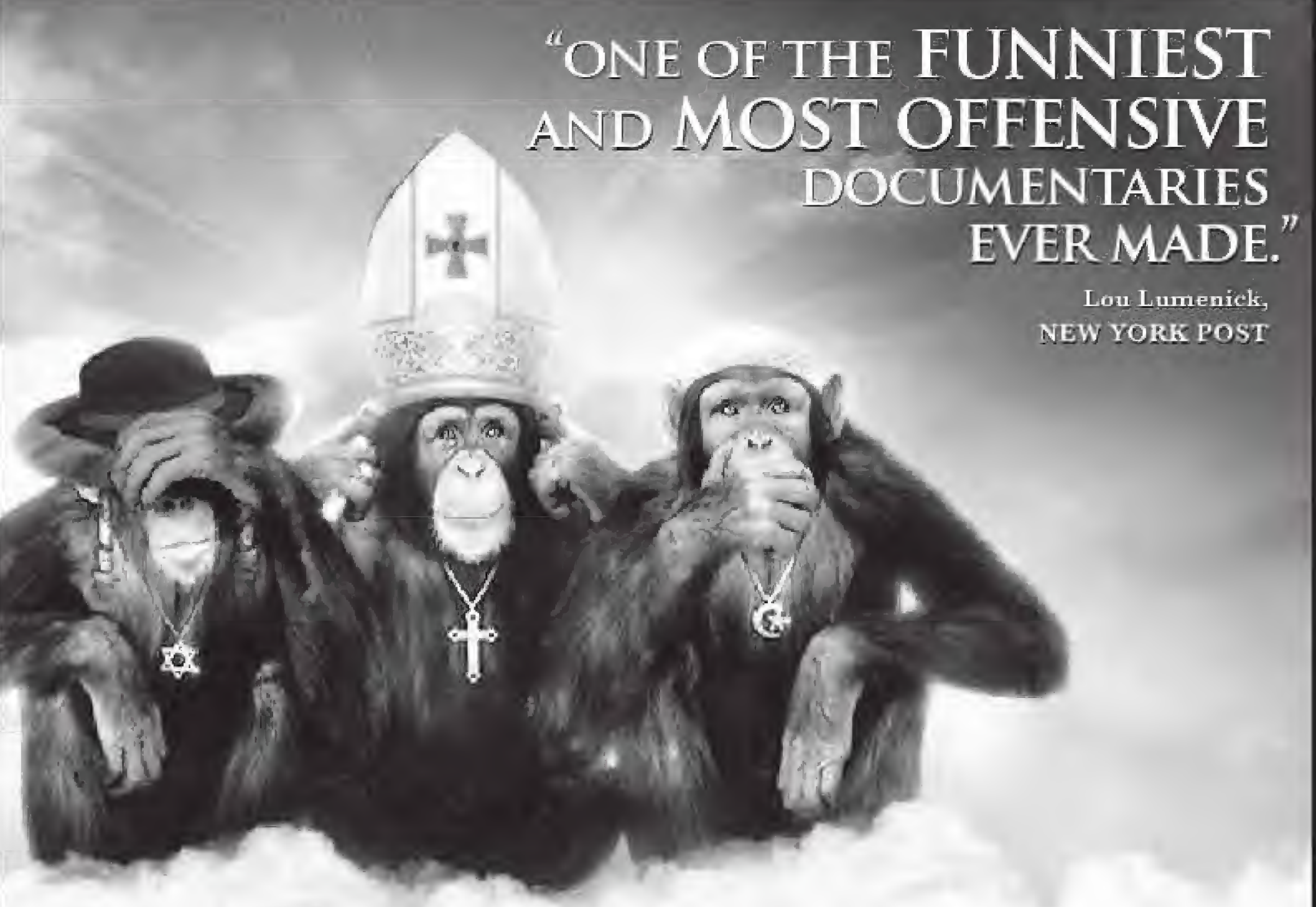
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» David Alan Basche is two-timing "The Starter Wife." Don't miss the rest of the interview at redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.

Debra Messing may be playing a jilted Hollywood ex-wife, but that doesn't mean she isn't having fun on the set of "The Starter Wife."

The "Will & Grace" vet plays Molly Kagan on the USA comedy series, which opens each episode with a fantasy spoof of a famous film.

"[Debra] was sitting in the chair for that famous ['Basic Instinct'] scene where Sharon Stone crosses and uncrosses her legs," Messing's co-star, David Alan Basche, told reporters during a recent phone interview. "At one point when she crossed and uncrossed her legs ... she was wearing panties that had on them lettering that spelled out 'Say Please.'"

Basche, who plays Messing's cad of an ex, movie producer Kenny Kagan, said no one on set could breathe after the practical joke.

"I think that was hands-down the funniest thing I've experienced in a long time," he said.

"My mother is going to be so proud," Messing said during the call.

"The Starter Wife" begins its 10-episode first season at 8 p.m. Friday on USA. It is a spin-off of the successful 2007 mini-series—also starring Messing—that was based on the novel by Gigi Levangie Grazer.

In the series, the now-divorced Molly is working to become a full-time novelist while battling Kenny over money issues and how they should raise their daughter. The story lines give Messing an opportunity to do more dramatic acting than on

The Starter Wife

8 p.m. Friday, USA

The scoop: Newly divorced Hollywood mom Molly Kagan (Debra Messing) battles with her helpless jerk of an ex (David Alan Basche) while trying to reignite her writing career and taking care of her daughter.

What works: In last year's mini-series, I thought "Will & Grace" vet Messing relied too heavily on the same comic tics that she used playing Grace. But in the two-hour premiere of "Wife," the absolutely charming Messing makes Molly her own person—and I like her.

What doesn't: Judy Davis, who won an Emmy for playing Molly's boozy best pal Joan, returns sober and wanting to get physical with her hubby. Davis would be great as Joan either drunk or sober, but I fear the hubby story line is going to get boring real fast.

Tune in or tune out? 3 out of 4. The series is bubbly and bright, which makes its skewering of Hollywood's shallowness and hypocrisy all the sharper.

"Will & Grace"—something that she thinks will prevent comparisons between Molly and Grace.

"I loved playing Grace ... and I know that a lot people are very attached to the character of Grace as am I," she said. "Molly is so different from Grace. And even though [the new series] does have comic elements, it's a different animal, so to speak."



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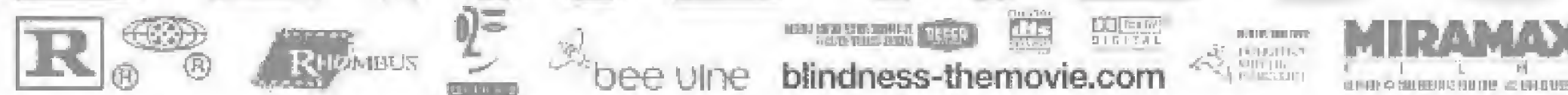


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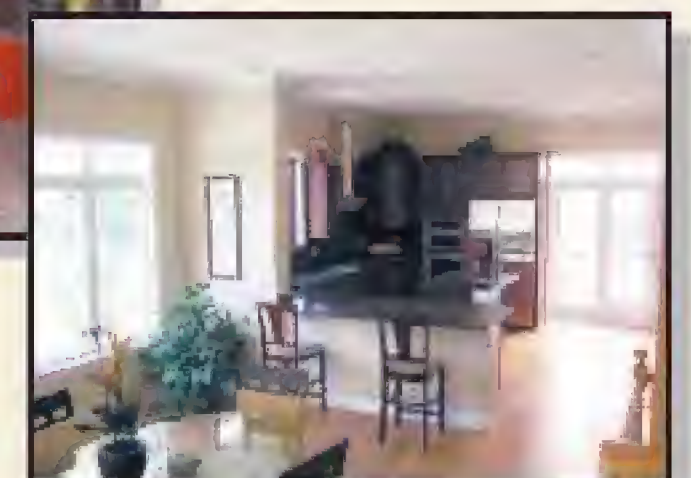
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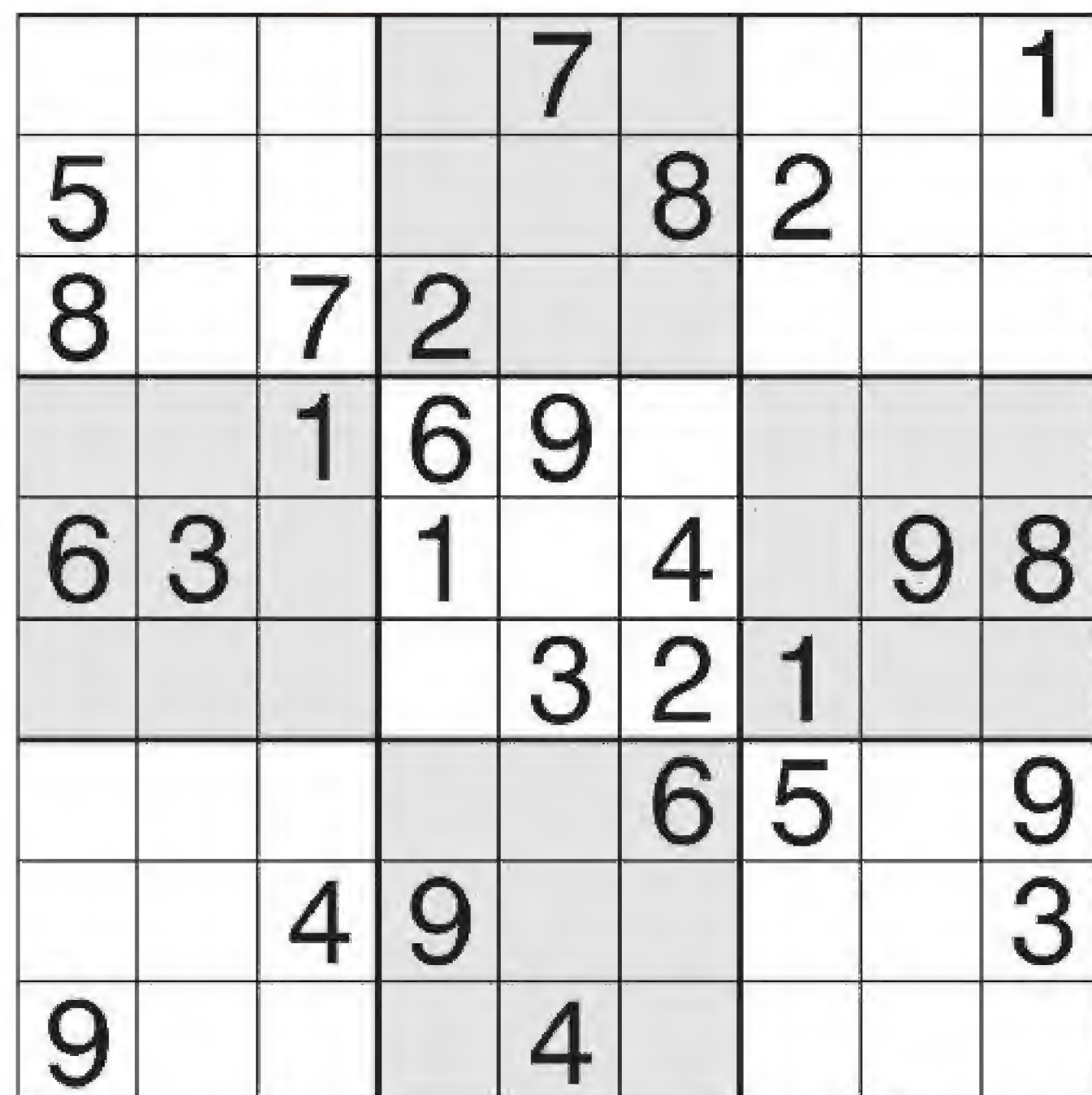
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Party girls

Two singin' starlets celebrated their birthdays last weekend with bashes that got mondo coverage. Expectant mother Ashlee Simpson-Wentz rang in her 24th year Friday at her parents' home in Encino, Calif., **people.com** reports. Elsewhere on the West Coast, new mom Gwen Stefani celebrated her 39th birthday at her pad in the Hollywood Hills, the mag reports. So both ladies know how to juggle fun and family, but who threw the more buzzworthy bash? That, friends, is a question best answered in another edition of RedEye's Faceoff! Here's a look at the fetes, as described by People.

SIMPSON-WENTZ: She wore short shorts and flip-flops with a bathing suit and a fake tattoo (it was a costume party).

DRESSED TO IMPRESS

STEFANI: She wore a black dress with her hair down and wavy.

On the menu? Corn dogs, mac and cheese, chicken fingers and fries.

FARE CHOICE

She opted for mini BLT sandwiches and pizzas—and cake, of course!

The costume party was all about "trailer park" chic, according to People.

THEME QUEENS

The dance party reportedly had an '80s flavor.

Her first child is due next month.

MOMMY FACTOR

She gave birth to son Zuma in August. Zuma's brother, Kingston, is 2.

Her b-day bash was held in her parents' home.

HOST WITH THE MOST

Hubby Gavin Rossdale hosted the party attended by 100 guests.

THE WINNER: STEFANI

The choice is clear. Both women threw what sounded like fantastic bashes, but the award here goes to Gwen. That '80s thing isn't going away any time soon!

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Whenever he's mobbed by fans, Zac Efron looks to an unusual place for inspiration.

"I'm always bobbing and weaving through alleyways trying to get to meetings, scouting out and looking outside doors and running around like Jason Bourne," the "High School Musical" star tells Entertainment Weekly.

"I've always loved secret agent movies, whether it be James Bond or 'Bourne Identity.' Now I'm kind of living it."

Whatever you say, Zac.

On the road again

Looks like Janet Jackson is getting back to work. After canceling several concerts this month for medical reasons, the singer will return to her national "Rock Withchu Tour" on Saturday, concert promoter Live Nation confirmed to **accesshollywood.com**. "Janet... is excited about getting back on the road and again," Live Nation said in a statement.

Later, 'Hills'

It's official. Whitney Port is working on a spinoff of "The Hills." But it's not going to be the California cup of tea viewers have grown used to. This time, Port is going to be tackling life in the Big Apple, where she'll be working for fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg, **people.com** reports. The show's slated to air in early 2009.

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CELEB SOUND BITE

"I'm too tired for the beginning of the work week."

—Tina Fey, to Entertainment Weekly, on the effects of playing Sarah Palin on "SNL"

TRANSLATION: "Maverick!"

CELEB SOUND BITE

"I want them to feel really good about themselves."

—Lynne Spears, talking about her daughters on "The Morning Show With Mike and Juliet"

TRANSLATION: "Umm... yeah. So I've still got this memoir on shelves. Anyone wanna buy it? Anyone?"

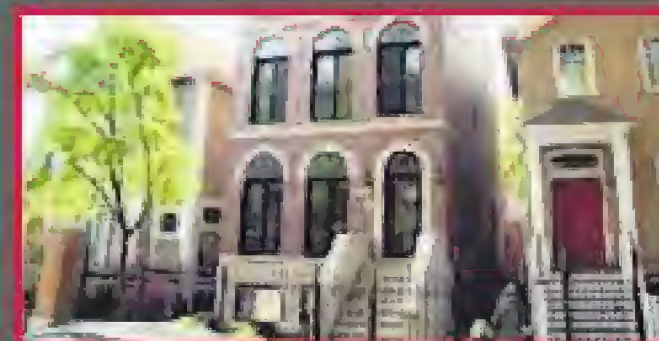
CELEB SOUND BITE

"I've been a hockey fan since I was fresh out of the womb, to be honest."

—Alanis Morissette, to nhl.com

TRANSLATION: "Didn't I used to have a music career? Why are we talking about hockey?"

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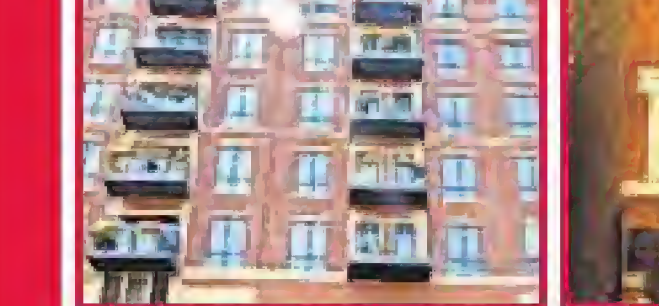
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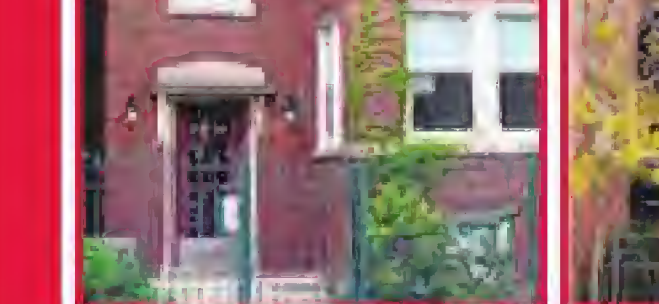
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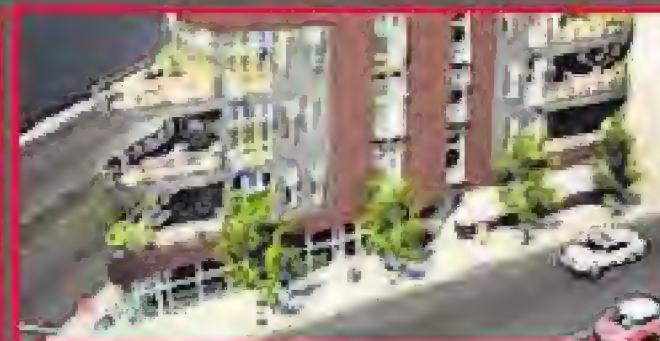


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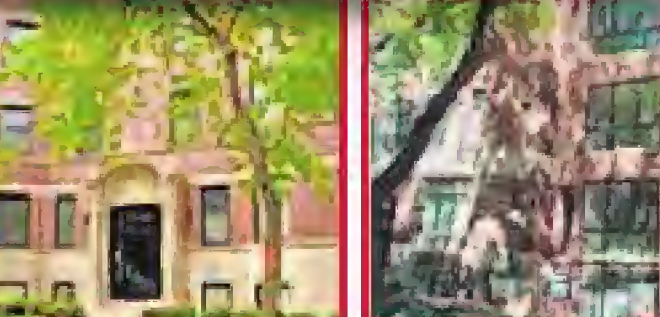
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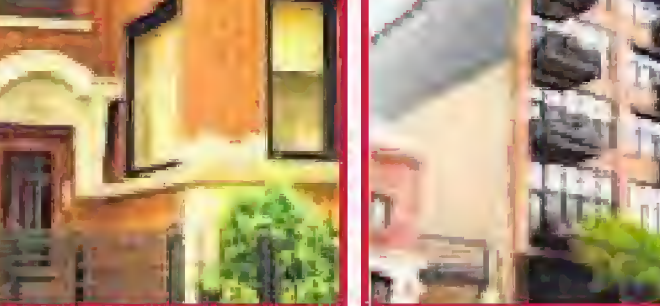
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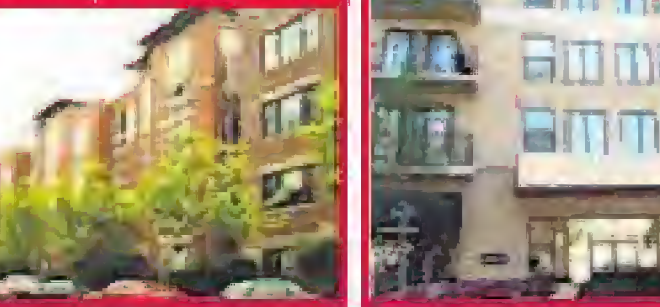
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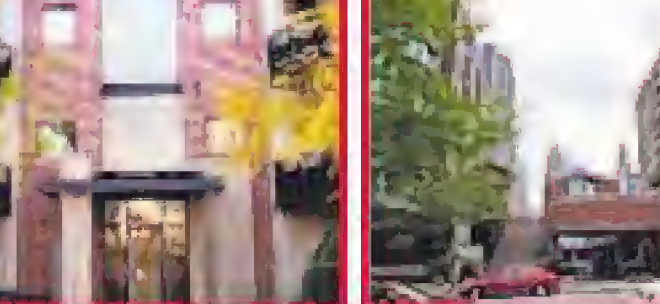
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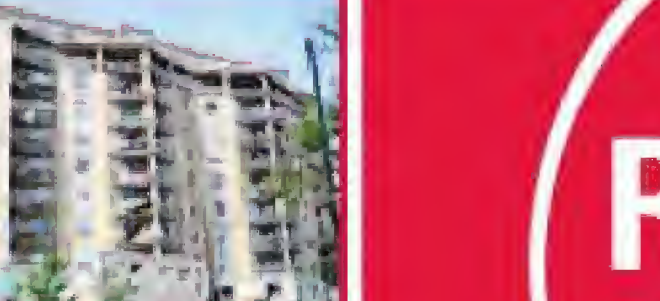
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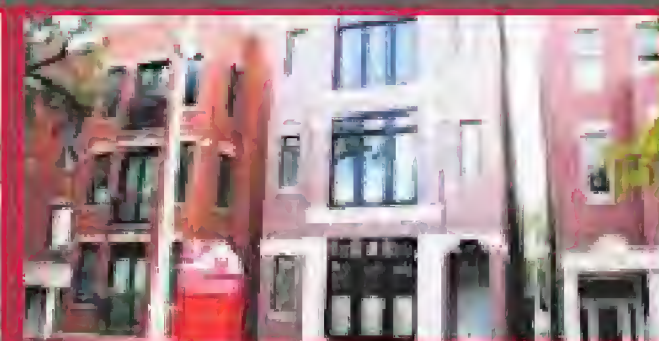
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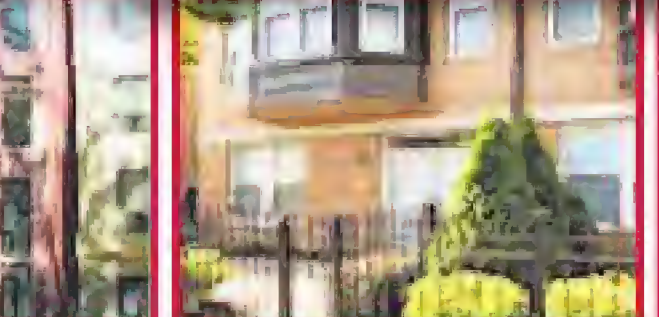
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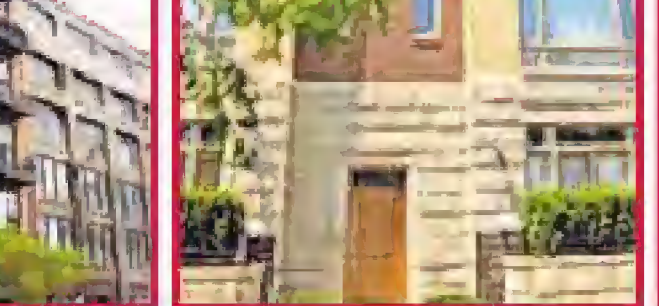
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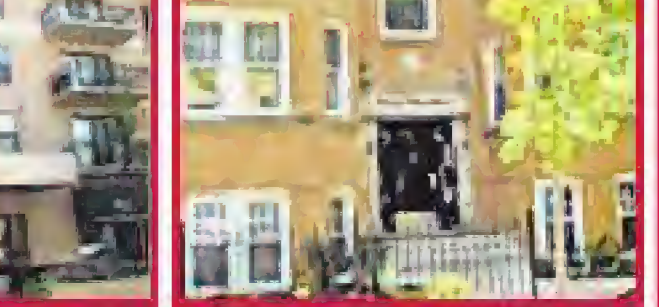
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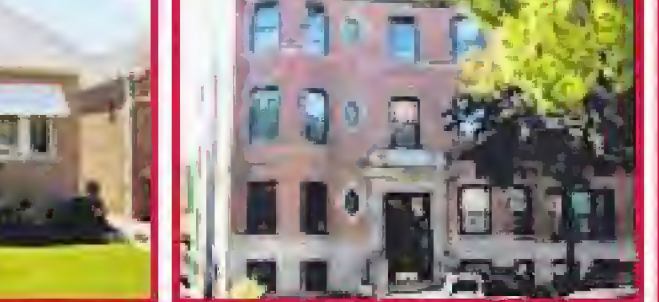
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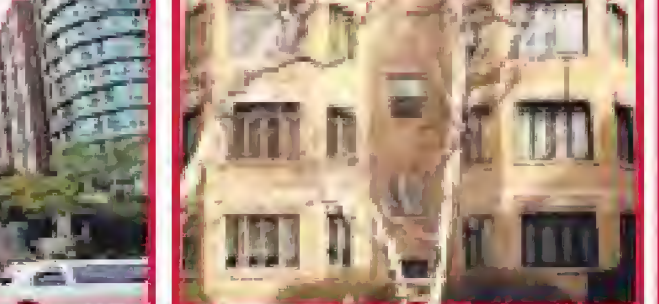
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Rap the vote!

T.I. has a word of advice for all you voters out there: Listen up!

"When I'm speaking to young people and they say, 'Who you voting for?' I say, 'Well, what you think's wrong with the country?'" the rapper says in the November issue of *King* magazine, for which he served as guest editor. "What problems do you need to be fixed? OK, then cut your PlayStation off and turn to CNN and listen to these people."

"Listen to each of the candidates' platforms, and whoever you think is speaking passionately and intelligently and will do the things you think need changed, that's who you vote for," he adds.

B-lated address

Beyonce Knowles is (finally) speaking out about her hush-hush nuptials with Jay-Z.

"What Jay and I have is real," she tells *Essence* magazine, according to excerpts. "It's not about interviews or getting the right photo op. It's real."

Other tidbits revealed, according to accesshollywood.com:

- » She didn't want an engagement ring because "it's just material and it's just silly to me."
- » She had a small ceremony because she's not a "traditional woman."

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on the need for people to get involved with the electoral process

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THE VELVET ROPE



Angelina Jolie with superdad Brad Pitt. AP

Jolie-Pitt globe-trotters

Angelina Jolie is all over the place with her movie career, humanitarian work and—oh yeah—her six kids.

So what's her secret weapon?

It's none other than Brad Pitt, of course!

Jolie tells the German edition of *Vanity Fair* that her beau took care of business when the Jolie-Pitt brood flew from Europe to New York and back last week for the premiere of Jolie's "Changeling."

"Brad took care of things. He just said, 'Go back to sleep, you have to work tomorrow,' and then went to the living room with the kids. He's an amazing father, totally devoted."

The running man

Good luck this weekend, Chicago marathoners. And know this: Ryan Reynolds knows your pain.

Reynolds, a.k.a. "Mr. Scarlett Johansson," is prepping for New York's marathon Nov. 2, he says on huffingtonpost.com.

The "Van Wilder" star said he's running for his father, Jim, who suffers from Parkinson's disease. "It's my hope the story of my father combined with my own goal of becoming the first person in history to sob uncontrollably for 26.2 miles straight, may inspire you to give something too," he wrote.

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